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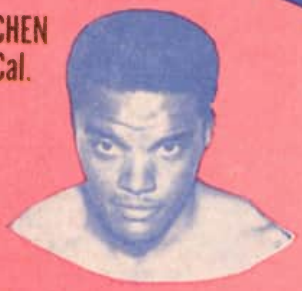

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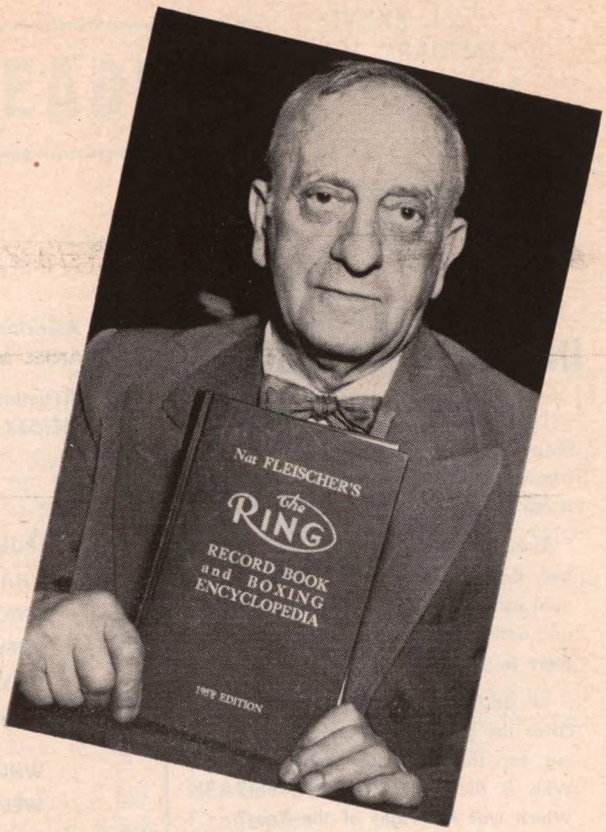

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PUNCH LINES

FROM OUR READERS

ST. LOUIS BLUES

Gentlemen:

Just a note to thank all at "The Ring" for the time and the courtesy extended me while in New York. It was good to have the pleasure of talking about our mutual love—boxing.

Our conversation on St. Louisan Virgil Akins seems to have been borne out, followed by his sensational knock-out of young Tony DeMarco in the Italian boy's backyard.

"The Ring is to be congratulated for wasting no time in elevating him to the number 2 spot in the welterweight division and I know I extend all St. Louis' thanks for naming him your "FIGHTER Of The MONTH."

This boy has been shunned for many years because of the "wrong" connections and his manager's refusal to sell out. As a result, the story, right or wrong, has circulated that he has been ducked by other contenders for the 147-pound title. This actually has meant Akins has been deprived of numerous TV shows whereby he would have drawn several thousand dollars more in purses. Instead he has fought off-brand middleweights, welterweights and in fact anyone he could get signed and inside the ropes.

Perhaps his victory in Boston, coupled with the rise in stature and backing of RING, will provide him with the opportunity to prove his right to head the welterweight class. The rest of it is up to the fighter.

Bob Ingham
Sports commentator,
St. Louis, Mo.

FIGHTING TALK

Dear Mr. Fleischer:

I'm afraid I'm going to become a nuisance to you. Believe me when I say I don't want to be cast in the role of a pop-off type. I'd never open my mouth if I had a chance to work at my trade which is, as you know, professional boxing. As I told you, I haven't lost a fight in the last three years, and you can count the losses I've suffered in the ten years I've been fighting for a living on your fingers. The joker is that I have not been able to get a fight since last November.

I have a good job working for the City of Toledo. I support my wife and daughter and I like my neighbors here in Toledo. But I can't give up the hope of winning a world championship before I hang up my gloves for good. If I walk away from the job I've worked so hard at for so many years, I'll never be right with myself.

I'm not like my old friend, Archie Moore. The words don't come easy for me. I don't like to say I can lick this fellow or that fellow is afraid to fight me. Matter of fact, I won't make any claims like that. But, I'm going to repeat the offer I made in the first letter I sent out to the sports writers and to the boxing managers and promoters.

I will fight any light heavyweight in the world on a winner-take-all basis. All I ask is training expenses. I won't make any demands about location or about officials. They tell me that everybody is afraid to fight Harold Johnson, the fellow who is generally regarded as the No. 1 contender. I'd love to fight Harold.

There's another fighter I hear is having trouble in getting fights. This fellow from Texas, Roy Harris. I understand that Willie Pastrano came up with a cut eye and canceled out on a fight with Harris. I only weigh 170 pounds, but I'd like very much to fight this Texas heavyweight they're booming for a heavyweight title shot. Yes, I'll be glad to fight him in his home town. I don't think I'll have to worry about a home-town decision if Roy will fight me. I hope somebody will fight me soon. Fighting comes a whole lot easier to me than writing. Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Clint Bacon
Toledo, Ohio

A WRIGHT GUY

Dear Sirs:

The death of Chalky Wright, former featherweight champion, was a shock to his many admirers. I was never a world champion, but I was in The Ring's rating often, the first time being in 1945, and my contacts with Chalky enabled me to realize what a great fighter he was. I believe he was a greatly misunderstood boxer, one who didn't receive the credit due him as an all-around star.

Look through his record and note the number of men whom he faced, to whom he spotted anywhere from eight to thirteen pounds. He feared no one and chalked up an excellent record.

I recall his splendid performance when he halted the switch-hitting Mexican, Richard Lemos, who had put in a claim for the feather crown and his masterpiece of ring generalship when in Los Angeles he tackled Willie Joyce, fresh from three triumphs over Ike Williams, who at the time was touted to the skies in the East. Chalky's craftsmanship nullified Joyce's speed.

Wright never lacked a sponsor. He cared little about money. He got rid of that almost as quickly as he made it and many former needy boxers received aid from him even to the extent of making Wright broke. I would like to see a special article on Chalky's career.

Bobby Yaeger,
Former Nevada State and Pacific Coast champion,
Los Angeles, Calif.

• ED. NOTE: *In the October issue The Ring ran a special feature on the tragic ending and career of Wright.*

HEATED DISCUSSION

Gentlemen:

I am a subscriber of the Ring and read Dan Daniels, article concerning Robinson in the November issue. I saw the Robinson-Maxim fight and where does he get this stuff of writing that the heat beat Robinson. Did he see the fight?

I figured it was just as hot over in Maxim's corner. I suppose if Robinson had beat him, Daniel would have a big writeup of how Ray became the 175 pound champion by beating Joey and you would have forgotten all about the heat.

I just like to see a man get a fair shake. Maxim fought a steady pace and used his head in doing so that hot night. Robinson tried to knock him out in the first few rounds but as time went on, he lost his steam and Joey kept right on at the same gate and by doing so he was using his head, and he just knocked Robinson cold. You only hurt boxing by trying to write anything else because they both had the intense heat to contend with. Robinson just was not good enough to mix with the heavier man and I believe Maxim can lick him again if they were to fight.

Langdon Holden,
Jackman, Me.

IT'S IN MATERIAL

Dear Sirs:

I am a referee who handles the Golden Gloves bouts in Toledo and also the professional contests. Though I am often criticized, I call a bout as I see it and nobody can influence me. I have

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Roy Harris of Cut and Shoot, Texas, who represents the style of fighter that Dempsey likes.

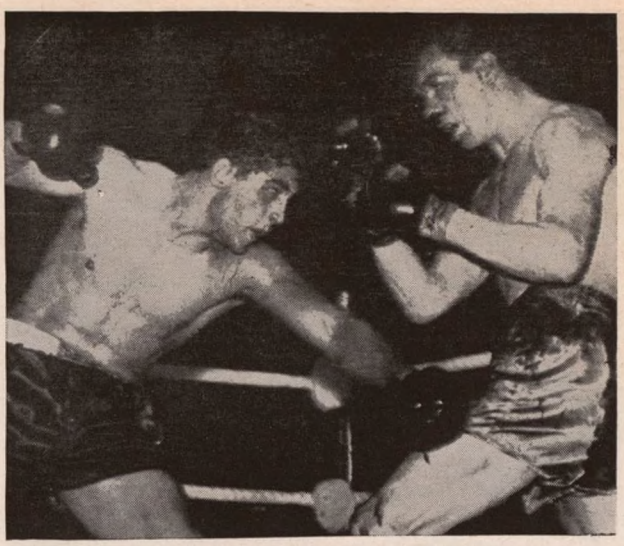
Jack Dempsey

"Harris is my Kind of Fighter"

By NAT FLEISCHER

Eddie Machen, Redding, California, leading heavyweight contender, who is rated by Dempsey as being a year away from capably handling Patterson.

Zora Folley (left) of Chandler, Arizona, seen taking a unanimous decision from Howard Turner. Speed and boxing ability feature Folley's chances but Dempsey believes that he needs to face harder opponents.



Willie Pastrano, New Orleans (left) pounded out a unanimous decision over England's best heavyweight, Dick Richardson. Dempsey is high on Pastrano but says: "He lacks the punch necessary for a successful heavyweight champ."

JACK DEMPSEY had been suffering from a heavy cold. He was tired of remaining confined to his hotel and visited his Broadway restaurant. As is customary when Jack is around, it didn't take long for his friends to gather around.

"What's doing in boxing, Nat?" he inquired.

"Not much," I replied. "Rather dull with only a few fights in the Garden for several months, only a few of the major clubs staging regular shows and veterans taking the play away from the few youngsters who are slowly replacing the old timers as attractions."

"I see where Willie Pastrano had things all his own way in his international bout with Dick Richardson in London," Dempsey said.

"Willie is a good boxer. He's a cutie. He backs away too much for a heavyweight seeking to gain the top. Trouble with Pastrano is that he can't hit hard enough. If he had a punch, I'd pick him as a sure thing to win the heavyweight title. But he'll never make it without power. That's something a heavyweight must have if he aims for the top."

"Have you seen any of the other contenders in action?" I asked. "Who among the leading figures do you think stands the best chance to whip Patterson?"

"I saw Eddie Machen and Zora Folley fight. I never saw Roy Harris but they tell me he's good. Lou Viscusi says you saw him in Texas. Is he as good as Viscusi pictures him?" Jack countered.

"Harris needs schooling," I informed Jack. "I believe he has the makings of a champion and with proper guidance will become the best drawing card among the heavyweights. That Roy has color. He has a fine, picturesque background that adds to his drawing power at the gate and is as good at this stage of his young fighting career as was Pastrano or Patterson when they started their climb."

My words struck home. The picture I painted of Harris, the Texas schoolteacher from Cut and Shoot, who in his last three contests whipped Bob Baker, Willie Pastrano and Willi Besmanoff of Germany, was of the type the old Manassa Mauler has been seeking for some time. He told of his travels around the country, always on the lookout for some big husky country boy, preferably a farmer, miner or lumberjack whom he could train.

"Wish I had Harris," he said. "He's the type we need to build up the boxing game. Some one with plenty of zip, courage, determination, ring color—one who can make the fans talk. If Roy is that type, I hope he comes through.

"But I doubt he's ready for fellows like Machen or Folley. Eddie is a good hitter, but he's not a great one. He fails to follow up his advantages but when he lands effectively, his punches are damaging. Like Harris, he has a lot to learn but Sid Flaherty will teach him.

"I see that Flaherty, who has been reinstated as a manager in California, has made Cus D'Amato a fine offer for a fight with Patterson for the title. If I were in Cus' boots, I wouldn't hesitate to accept Machen as Floyd's opponent. The champ has too much on the ball right now for Eddie but give Machen another year of schooling and things will be different.

"When Eddie opposed Joey Maxim last Spring, Joey was continually outsmarting Machen but Eddie's youth and strength enabled him to carry off the decision. Eddie learned a lot in that fight. Just as Patterson did when he fought Joey in the Eastern Parkway Arena.

"That's the way to build up a youngster's confidence and to give him an opportunity to learn the tricks of the trade. If I had a heavyweight prospect, I'd shoot him against the best men in his group. A fellow who is pitted against set-ups not only doesn't learn anything but falls into a rut quickly.

"Maxim may be through as a fighter, but he still possesses ring cunning and any young fighter facing him, win or lose, learns much that can benefit him in future battles."

I became extremely interested in Dempsey's analysis of the top challengers for Patterson's crown and pressed the issue while the going was good.

"Jack," I said, "you saw Folley in action. How do you rate this Westerner?"

"The Arizona boy looks good," Jack replied. "I think he has an even chance against any of the top challengers but I wouldn't think of pitting him right now against Patterson.

"I think Machen is the better of the two and he, more than Folley, is a fit opponent for Patterson. I don't think either can beat Floyd now but they are the best we have and there's no use beating around the bush. We must use what we've got.

"Folley has been kept busy but unfortunately he has faced no one of consequence and his true ability still is an unknown quantity. But from what I've seen, he'll do. Out in Arizona, Montana and other sectors in the Mountain Region, they think well of Zora's chances. He has received

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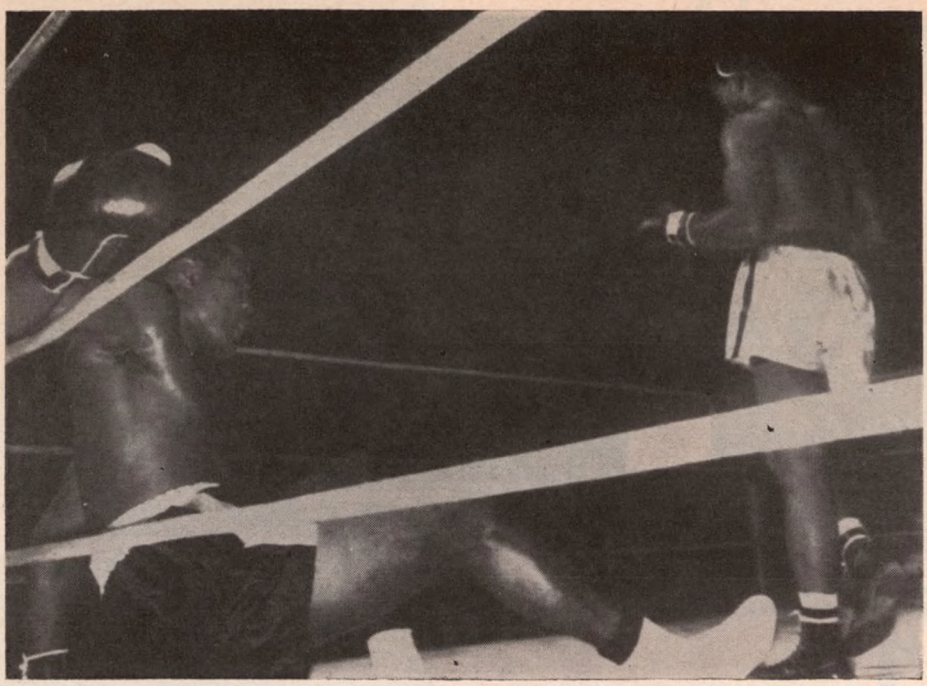


Hurricane Warnings. Eddie Machen, No. 1 contender for the world heavyweight title, walks off after dropping Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson in first round at San Francisco. One-sided battle was stopped following tenth round when Jackson could not continue.

By
DAN DANIEL

MACHEN STILL STYMIED

Poor Showing by Jackson Did Little To Enhance Machen's Prestige With Public

EDDIE MACHEN'S ten round knockout of Hurricane Jackson in what was to have been a twelve rounder in the Cow Palace in San Francisco increased the untenability of the position assumed by Cus D'Amato, manager of Floyd Patterson.

Before Machen, rated tops among the contenders, met Jackson, D'Amato announced that he was not interested in the issue of the fight. No matter what Machen accomplished, he still would be unacceptable to D'Amato as an opponent for Patterson because, through his being managed by Sid Flatherty, Machen had a connection with the International Boxing Club.

Do-Gooder D'Amato has declared war on all fighters who work under IBC auspices, as well as on Jim Norris's outfit itself, and Norris personally.

As a consequence, the heavyweight title is in the deep freeze. Just how long the authorities will permit D'Amato to continue this dog in the manger policy is a question.

At this writing, Patterson has nothing on the tapis. When his pilot does get ready to let Floyd fight, it will be against some man hand picked by D'Amato, no matter what his rating. And that rating will not be even up with that of Machen.

D'AMATO'S LINE OF REASONING ON MACHEN HARD TO FOLLOW

D'Amato says he offered Machen a chance to fight Patterson last Summer, and Eddie turned it down. If that happened, it was because Machen wasn't ready.

Being turned down, D'Amato warned Machen that he would forfeit a chance later on because of his IBC hookup.

If Machen was a right opponent for Patterson last Summer, he certainly is a more suitable one now. The D'Amato line of reasoning is hard to follow.

In any event, if Machen can't get action here he will go to England.

A fight between Patterson and Machen in New York next June would be a big draw. And a money maker. But D'Amato and Floyd seem to be living on some sort of endowment which makes them free of financial worries, and leaves Cus oblivious of proper match making and proper management of a champion of the world.

No matter what D'Amato may say about the IBC, the fact remains that it still is the dominant force in boxing promotion in the United States.

It is only a question of time before the New York Commission, the NBA, and the World Championship Committee, as well, will jump on D'Amato and force his hand.

In the meantime, the entire boxing game must suffer through the fact that the heavyweight champion of the world, surely against his personal wishes, is benched while his manager

Eddie Machen shown jarring Hurricane Jackson's head in the eighth round of their scheduled 12 rounder. Jabs by Machen and endless stamina and courage by Jackson highlighted the bout.

feeds on the income and the glory derived from the world shaking stoppage of one Pete Rademacher, an amateur.

Certainly the heavyweight situation is without a parallel in boxing history.

JACKSON'S MANAGER ASKED REFEREE TO STOP FIGHT

The Machen victory over Jackson found the Hurricane in his corner, beaten to a pulp, but conscious and, so far as could be discerned, able to answer the bell for the eleventh round.

Some reports of the fight had it that Referee Frank Carter had stopped the massacre on his own initiative. But the fact is that Lippy Briedbart, Jackson's manager, asked Carter to end the slaughter. Lippy requested that the referee take a look at Jackson's closed right eye, and then suggested that the mess had gone far enough.

The result was fair enough in the minds of half of the crowd. The other half hooted.

The fight was witnessed by 14,107 persons, with a gross of $56,877.50. Nothing amazing. But good enough in view of the fact that Jackson had been stopped in ten by Patterson.

Machen has won 24 in a row. He took only 1 minute 8 seconds longer than Patterson did in polishing off Jackson. Last July 29, at the Polo Grounds in New York, Referee Ruby Goldstein halted the Patterson slaughter of Tommy in 1.52 of the tenth round. Jackson had to be rushed to a hospital.

After the Machen fight, Hurricane again was in deplorable shape and had to get medical attention while the door of his dressing room remained locked.

That Jackson would do well to retire from the ring is a fair consensus. He is as game as they come. In fact, too game because he never knows when he is hopelessly whipped. Patterson Machen and Nino Valdes all have stopped the Hurricane. But he never has been counted out on the floor.

The bizarre and strange Jackson has had 36 fights, ordinarily just the start of a career. But for him, it should be finis. The IBC is not going to use him again.

Under California's ten point scoring system—that is, ten points for each round—Carter scored it 100-84. Judge Vern Bybee said it was 100-85, and Judge Jack Silver showed a 99-87 card. Silver gave the seventh round to Jackson.

The fight presented the so called Hurricane in the same old role of punching bag, with Eddie dishing it out from the opening gong and Tommy taking it with deadly monotony, and evident pain.

Jackson had an edge in the weights, 201 to 195. But that was the only edge he boasted. Machen dropped his man in the first round for a count of five, and kept right on pummeling the bizarre Hurricane until, with the tenth finished and Jackson's right eye closed, Referee Carter mercifully accepted Breidbart's suggestion.

Soon after the start of the fight, Machen landed a left to the head. A righthander followed and Jackson went down. He was leaning on the ropes when the count reached five.

The second round was a carbon copy of the first, except that the battered Jackson kept his feet. The third was like the second, and the fourth like the third, as Machen, following the pattern of Patterson's ten round knockout of the Hurricane, piled up enough points to win five fights.

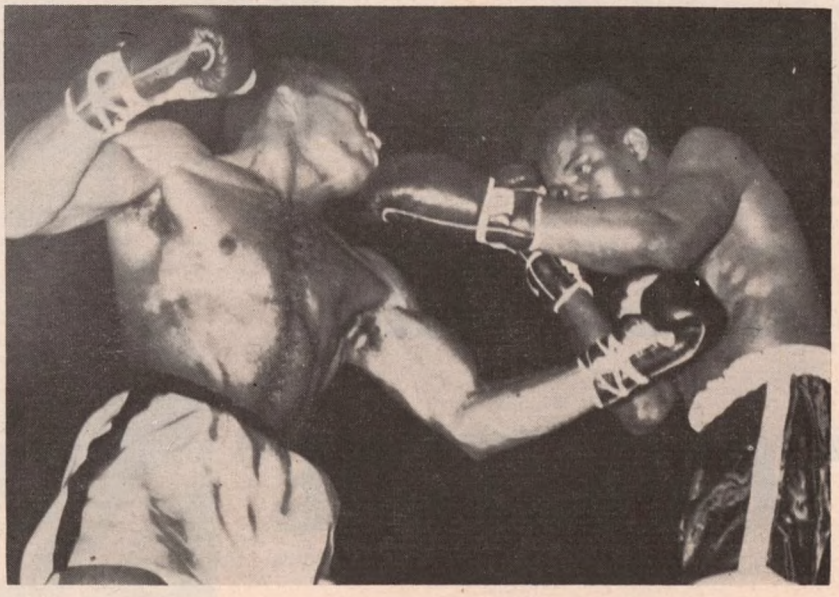
Jackson staggered. Jackson winced. Jackson showed evidences of extreme pain as Machen's assault found its targets with unvarying success. But Jackson did not go down a second time.

In the sixth, seventh and eighth rounds, the bruised Jackson kept complaining that Machen was hitting low. But the referee took no cognizance of these protests.

After the fight, Carter pointed out that both fighters had worn their trunks some three inches high, and that at no time had he been forced to penalize Eddie for low punches.

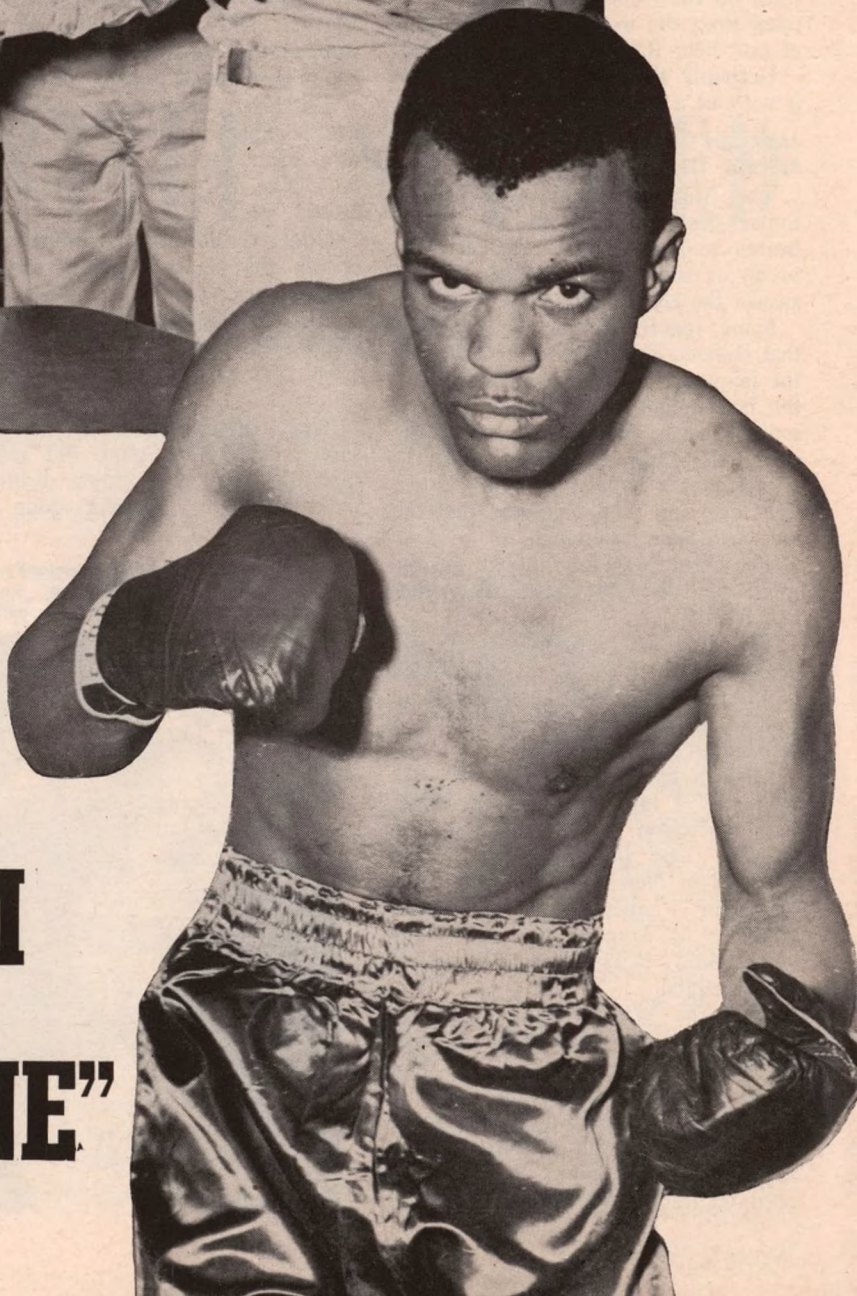
Jackson suffered a tough break in the fourth round, when he got a cut under his right eye. As the fight progressed, this cut became increasingly embarrassing to the Hurricane, and eventually it furnished the vital point for stoppage of the uneven scrap.

San Francisco fans waited expectantly each time Machen cocked his right but the threatened kayo wallop never materialized. Finally the referee halted the fight in the tenth round to save a game but hopelessly outclassed Jackson from further punishment.



The versatile Smith seen receiving cash prize as winner of photography contest from Captain Jas. E. Cohn, U.S.N. with Chaplain R. B. Pruitt looking on. "Tombstone" took part in 73 actions in the Korean War while a member of the U.S.S. Helena.

THEY CALL HIM "TOMBSTONE"



Charles Ray Smith, No. 4 Welter, Somehow Had Failed To Get Title Committee's Nod

By BILL MILLER

EVER since 1719, when Jim Figg proclaimed himself the Champion of All England, scrappers have taken unto themselves, or had bestowed upon them, ring-tags which range from the ridiculous to the near sublime.

Most imposing nom de guerre of the current generation is that owned by a rangy, six-foot welterweight whose birth certificate reads "Charles Ray Smith".

He is far better known as "Tombstone". How he acquired that tag will be related hereinafter.

Boxing followers, in particular, admire tags which appeal to the imagination, serve to arouse curiosity or inspire respect. Such appellations as the Michigan Assassin, the Illinois Thunderbolt and the like made far better reading than Stanley Ketchel or Billy Papke.

"Tombstone" acquired his tag while serving aboard the U.S.S. HELENA, which participated in 73 actions during the Korean war. A program of a smoker held aboard that cruiser on December 10, 1952 reveals that many distinguished guests were aboard that night. They saw "Tombstone" score a knockout over a fellow named Willie Sanchez in the main event of a card of five fights.

The roll of these VIPs reads as follows:

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, President-elect; Mr. John Foster Dulles; Mr. George M. Humphrey, Mr. Herbert Brownell, Governor Douglas McKay, General Lucius D. Clay, James C. Hagerty, General W. B. Parsons, Bob Considine, Don Whitehead, and Merriman Smith.

If "Tombstone," now rated among the world's welterweight contenders, should ever become the world champion, these distinguished guests may recall that they knew him "when". When he was just a Seaman 1st Class, but the best fighting man in a crew of 2,000.

Speaking of that Number 4 ranking in The Ring, whose ratings are considered more authoritative than those of the N. B. A. or any other selectors, California fight fans are plenty hot about the way "Tombstone" was overlooked by that World Championship Committee.

Six welters have been named to participate in an elimination tournament to determine the new champion in the 147-lb. division, succeeding Carmen Basilio. Carmen relinquished that title after he had won the middleweight crown from Sugar Ray Robinson.

Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York Commission, heads the Committee. Here are the men they named—in alphabetical order: Virgil Akins, St. Louis; George Barnes, Australia; Isaac Logart, Cuba; Vince Martinez, New Jersey; Gaspar Ortega, Mexico, and Gil Turner, Pennsylvania.

No "Tombstone"—despite the fact that in the November issue of The Ring he was rated *ahead* of Akins, Turner, Ortega and Barnes. They are ranked 5, 6, 7 and 9, respectively.

Is this justice? Let's take 'em, one by one: Atkins, last year, was whipped by Charley Sawyer, in Hollywood. "Tombstone" trounced Sawyer decisively a few months later. Turner, last year, lost four of his five fights, and was knocked out by Johnny Saxton. Ortega, this year, lost to Kid Gavilan and Larry Baker. In the rematch with Gavilan, Ortega got the decision despite the fact that 12 of the 15 scribes covering the fight thought the Cuban Keed had won.

Barnes, the Australian, lost three of his five fights last year. He had been whipped by Ramon Fuentes, of Los Angeles.

Ask any Angeleno how he'd bet if "Tombstone" were paired with any of the four gents above named. Smith, last year, won eight out of eight, five by knockout. This year he has won five out of six, losing only to Charley Joseph, a middleweight—and rated No. 8 in the November issue of The Ring.

Hobstone, this year, knocked out Timmie Jefferson and Barry Allison, and decisioned Don Jordan, Tiger Al Williams and Marcel Pigou. Don Jordan, following his defeat at the hands of "Tombstone", duked Orlando Zulueta, at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

A superb guitar player and vocalist Smith does wonders to a ballad or folk song. Nothing compared to what he does to opponents in the ring.

Smith was born in Waco, Texas, on April 1, 1933—the fourth of five children. He is 24. His brother Roy is a career soldier, a staff sergeant. Brother Tommy leads a small "band"—a trio, to be exact, and is currently entertaining folks in Oklahoma and Texas. His two sisters are married. One served with the WACS in World War II.

As a kid in school, Smith played end on the Moore High eleven. He enlisted in the Navy in 1950 at the age of 17. He had no thought of being a fighter—then.

It was during his cruise in the Navy that Charley showed his aptitude with the mawleys. He always has been

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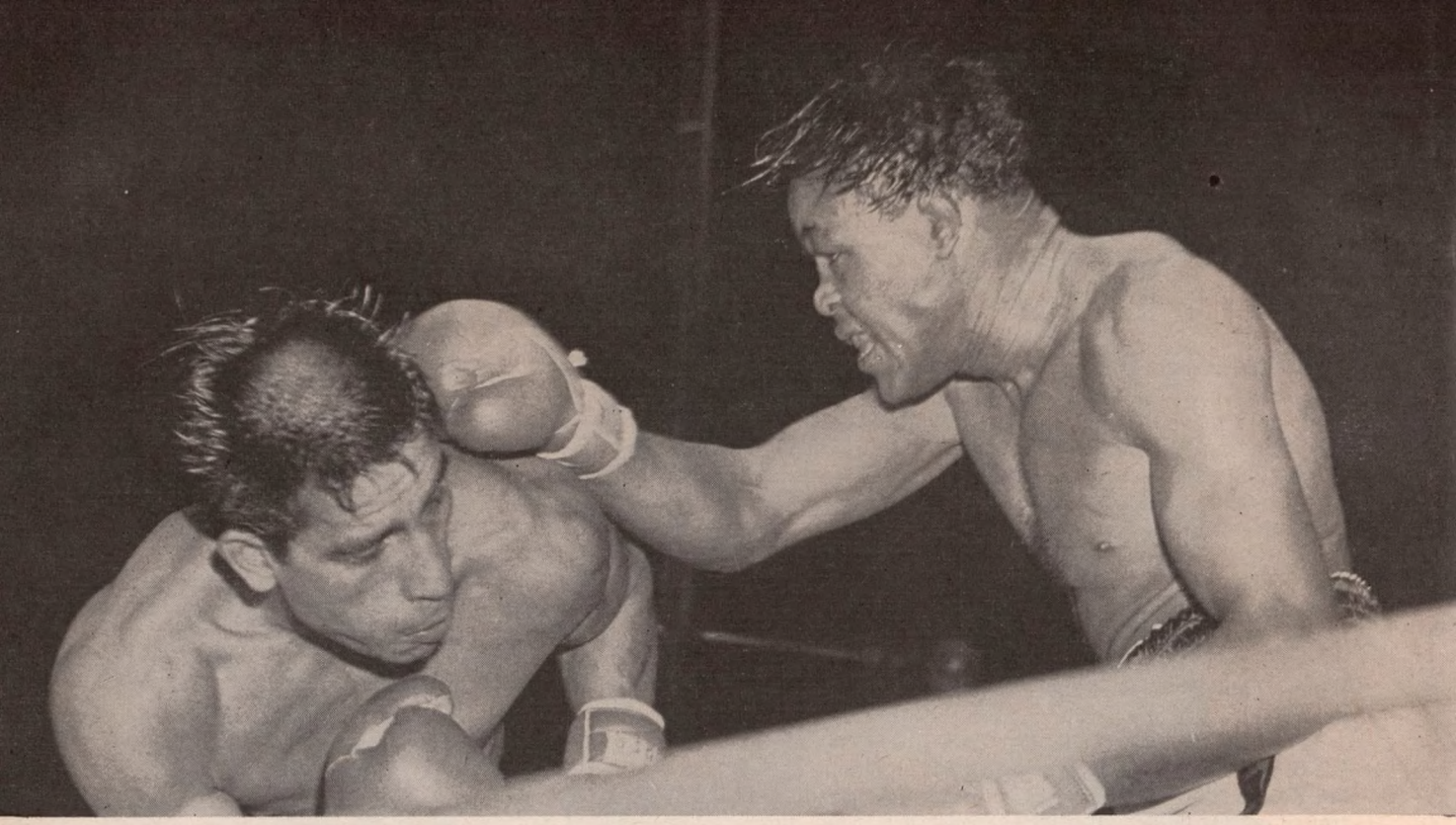
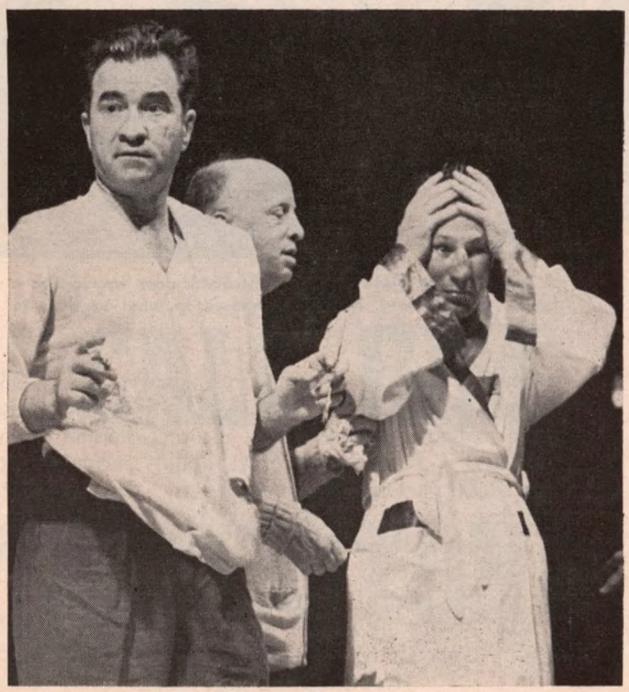


GAVILAN ALWAYS EMBROILED

Above—Gavilan (right) thought he won this bout with Gaspar Ortega but when the decision was rendered by the officials in the Los Angeles contest the Hawk had lost another dispute. Below—Billy Graham holds his head in disbelief as judges deliver verdict to Gavilan in their second meeting for the welter title held by Gavilan. In three meetings Graham was always the loser, the third decision at Cuba being the only one devoid of rhubarbs.



By NAT LOUBET

SPLIT and unanimous decisions that have evoked cries of "We wuz robbed," and hair-pulling stunts by his manager, Yamil Chade, have made the career of Kid Gavilan a unique one in boxing history.

Scarcely a contest of importance in which the Cuban Hawk has participated has ended in any but a riotous scene. Yet in only a few of the many occasions when the vehement protests of fighter and manager have raised the roof, has the former welterweight champion of the world not been backed by the majority of spectators and ringside reporters.

When the Keed engages in a bout with an international figure, the public and scribes have come to expect a split verdict, usually with Gavilan on the short end.

Such was the case in the Hawk's latest bout in Los Angeles where he was defeated by Gaspar (Indian) Ortega of Mexico, in a contest that practically eliminated Gavilan from the field of contenders for the crown vacated by Carmen Basilio. It was a verdict that brought protests from

Always Squawking... But Always Fighting... Decision For Ortega Latest Cause For Hysterics By Hawk And His Manager.

most of the reporters covering the fight, and ringside spectators.

By now, Gavilan has become accustomed to such verdicts. But he always lets the world know how he feels with a blast that headlines the sport pages throughout the country.

One cannot blame him for his tirade against officials when one takes into consideration the whole-hearted support of the majority of press and fight fans who have sided with him.

DISPUTED VERDICTS AROUSE FANS' IRE

There was the title fight with Johnny Saxton in Philadelphia, in which a riotous scene followed the decision that brought the welterweight crown to Johnny on a silver platter. Then, too, the disputed ten round verdict that gave Peter Waterman the laurels in their first encounter in London. Then there was the hotly disputed loss to Vince Martinez in a jam-packed Newark Armory which brought a shower of boos from the fans, mostly Jerseyites, and cries of anguish from the loser.

The upset that gave Billy Graham the honors on February 10, 1950, in a bout which found Referee Ruby Goldstein and Judge Artie Aidala differing with Judge Harold Barnes, was a case in point. A rouser, too, was the subsequent battle on August 29, 1951, which found Graham on the short end of the scoring in an affair that enabled the Keed to retain his welter crown by the shortest of margins and brought about a State Commission investigation. It was one of the most unpopular verdicts yet rendered in Madison Square Garden and brought squawks from spectators, TV viewers and members of the Boxing Board who saw Graham the winner.

In a third contest, in Cuba, Gavilan had it all the way, as he did in his return bout with Waterman whom he dropped three times to avenge the loss suffered in his first bout.

So it has been throughout the career of the Cuban Hawk. Though he has been deprived of a number of victories that should have been chalked up to his credit, he also has benefitted by disputed decisions. But his popularity didn't drop through defeat. At the age of thirty-one, with fourteen years of ring activity behind him, the Hawk remains a good attraction and an outstanding welterweight, one of the world's ranking ten.

LOQUACIOUS, SQUAWKING MANAGERS AID KEED'S CAUSE

In every disputed contest, the Keed was a picture of dejection, a wild, gesticulating Latin-American who let the world know in no uncertain terms that he thought the decision against him unjust. And when it comes to a display of furore, no one has anything on Gavilan or his banker-manager. Following the Ortega verdict, Gavilan exclaimed:

"What I must do to win fight? Why the judges are against me?

"I have plenty of people that sees me win. De writers, dey say I win. My spirit, it is now low. I wait for two years to get another chance to fight for title and now dey take de chance from me. It is not right. I protest."

His squawks didn't compare with those of his little manager. Chade tried to uproot his hair in pleading the case of his fighter, as he did when Gavilan was defeated by Waterman in London, a decision that brought the referee, the sole judge, under fire from the British Board of Boxing control.

The cry of "We wuz robbed," has been used frequently, first by Joe Jacobs when he handled the affairs of Max Schmeling and many times since. But the record for such expressions goes to the Cuban Keed. Each time he has faced that sort of situation, his manager and he have threatened retirement. But after a cooling off period, The Keed always has come back.

LIKE OTHER CHAMPS, CUBAN HAS LOST A FORTUNE

Following his most recent outbreak, Gavilan was asked when he really expects to quit.

"Quit!" he snapped back, "Why I should give up boxing? I still good enough to fight all challengers for the welterweight title and I beat them."

Why was he continuing to expose himself to the fists of more youthful opponents, since he had earned upwards of half a million dollars in his ring battles?

"I spend it," he replied. "I have horses and bet much but they lose and my money goes. I have a dance show and I take 25 girls, my band, stagehands, managers and friends to travel with me. The show flops and I flop. All my money is gone so I must make comeback in ring."

Smiling and clapping his hands as if the entire loss was a huge joke, he continued:

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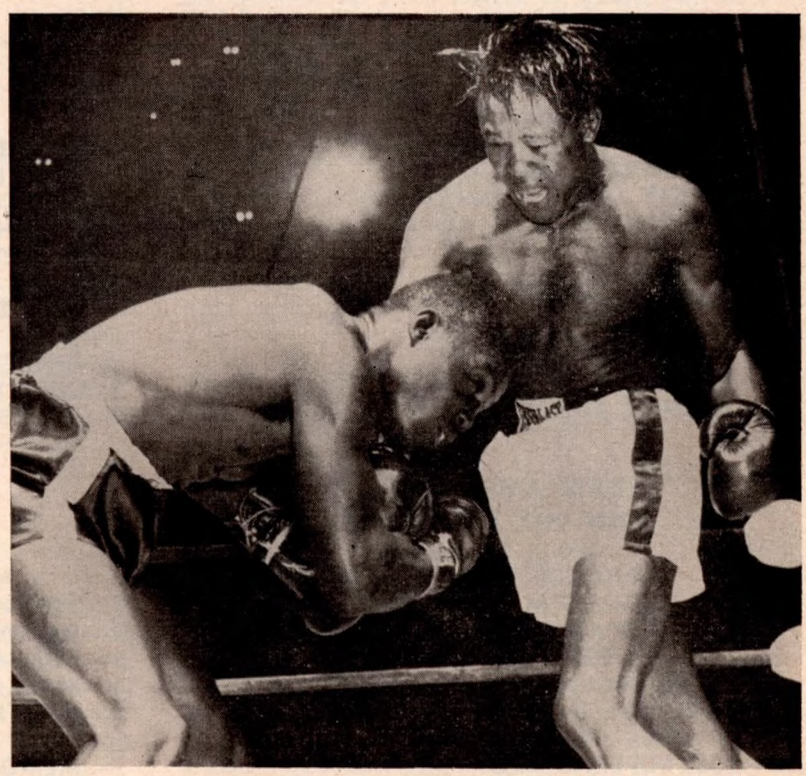


Johnny Saxton (left) covers up as Gavilan moves in to the attack during their welter title fight at Philadelphia which produced another dispute when Saxton was awarded Gavilan's crown on a unanimous decision by the officials although there was a large dissenting vote cast by those present at ringside.

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

(RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 20TH.)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 Pounds)

World Champion
FLOYD PATTERSON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
2—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Arizona
3—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
4—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
5—**PAT McMURTY,** Tacoma, Wash.
6—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
7—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
8—**MIKE DeJOHN,** Syracuse, N. Y.
9—**WAYNE BETHEA,** New York, N. Y.
10—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
CARMEN BASILIO, Syracuse, N. Y.

1—**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.
2—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
3—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
4—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
6—**ELLSWORTH (Spider) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
7—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** San Francisco, Calif.
8—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.
9—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**NEAL RIVERS,** Las Vegas, Nevada

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
4—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
5—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
6—**JOEY LOPES,** Sacramento, Calif.
7—**BABY VASQUEZ,** Mexico
8—**AL NEVAREZ,** Mexico
9—**ORLANDO ZULUETA,** Cuba
10—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
ALPHONSE HALIMI, France

1—**RAUL (Raton) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
3—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
4—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines
5—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
6—**MANUEL ARMENTEROS,** Cuba
7—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
8—**DANTE BINI,** France
9—**JOE BECCERA,** Mexico
10—**PETER KEENAN,** Scotland

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Cal.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
3—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
4—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
5—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
6—**ARTENIO CALZAVARA,** Italy
7—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
8—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
9—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
10—**CLARENCE HINNANT,** Washington, D. C.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
(TITLE VACANT)

1—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
2—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
3—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
4—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
4—**CHARLEY (Tombstone) SMITH,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6—**GIL TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**CASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
8—**KID GAVILAN,** Cuba
9—**GEORGE BARNES,** Australia
10—**LARRY BAKER,** Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

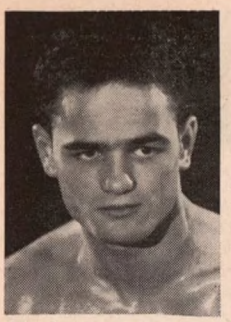
World Champion
HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY, Nigeria

1—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
2—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
3—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
4—**DAVEY MOORE,** Springfield, O.
5—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Tex.
6—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
7—**JEAN SNEYERS,** Belgium
8—**SHIGEJI KANEKO,** Japan
9—**JOSE COTERO,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**VICTOR MANUEL QUIJANA,** Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
2—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
3—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
4—**MASAJI (Lefty) IWAMOTO,** Japan
5—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
6—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
7—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
8—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan
9—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela
10—**DENNIS ADAMS,** South Africa



Fighter of the Month

ALPHONSE HALIMI

ALPHONSE HALIMI, French-Algerian, came through with the month's outstanding performance when he clinched universal claim to the world bantamweight crown by his splendid triumph over Raul (Raton) Macias, N.B.A. champion, in their title bout in Los Angeles, and also clinched the Ring's *"Fighter of the Month Award"*. In addition, Halimi was presented with "The Ring's bantamweight championship belt which he won when he became world champion last April by beating Mario D'Agata. In defeating Macias he made his first successful defense of the crown.

The big surprise of the month was the knockout of Tony DeMarco of Boston by Virgil Akins in a welterweight elimination bout in the Hub, thus gaining for Akins second spot in the international elimination tournament to decide Carmen Basilio's successor and eliminating DeMarco who though ranked third, won't receive another chance to win the crown until the world elimination bouts have been concluded and new crown wearer named.

Issac Logart of Cuba, Akins, Vince Martinez of Paterson, N. J., Gaspar Ortega of Mexico, George Barnes of Australia and Gil Turner of Philadelphia, Pa. have been named by the World Boxing Championship Committee as tournament eligibles. Martinez has been dropped from third to fourth; Charley (Tombstone) Smith of California, who deserved to be included in the elimination, has dropped from fourth to fifth, and Turner, dropped from fifth to sixth.

The heavyweight division finds Roy Harris of Cut and Shoot, Texas, victor over Willi Besmanoff of Germany, advancing to fourth from fifth. He exchanges places with Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson who lost to top rated Eddie Machen, and dropped to seventh place though he definitely should be retired. However, since he lasted ten rounds against both the champion and the Number One contender, he remains listed for one more issue among the ranking ten since his record is better than those listed below him.

There are no changes in the light heavyweight class.

In the middleweight class, Neal Rivers of Las Vegas, Nevada, supplanted Young Bahama in tenth place.

Al Nevarez of Mexico, who in the last issue was ranked tenth, finds himself in eighth position and Johnny Busso of New York, dropped to tenth from ninth, with Orlando Zulueta of Cuba down from eighth to ninth following his loss to second rated Kenny Lane among the lightweights.

Due to an operation on his eye that will keep him indefinitely on the sidelines, Miguel Berrios of Puerto Rico, who was ranked third best among world featherweights, has been removed from the international rankings until he resumes boxing. Victor Manual Quijano of Mexico has taken the place of Berrios and is rated tenth.

Davey Moore of Springfield, Ohio, making fine strides, advanced to fourth from fifth by his splendid one-sided triumph over Jose Cotero, who dropped from fourth to ninth. Cotero gave a novice performance against Davey.

Paul Jorgensen advanced two pegs, from seventh to fifth; Ricardo Gonzalez of Argentina, South American champion, was upped from ninth to sixth; Jean Sneyers of Belgium, though idle, went into seventh place and Shigeji Kaneko of Japan went from tenth to eighth. These advancements were due to Berrios' temporary retirement.

In the bantamweight class, Macias remains Number One contender with Mario D'Agata of Italy, former champion, up from third to second place, exchanging posts with Leo Espinosa of Philippines.

Jose Lopez of Mexico, who scored two kayoes, has advanced from tenth to seventh and Manuel Armenteros of Cuba, from ninth to sixth. Joe Beccera of Mexico, knocked out by feather Dwight Hawkins, dropped from seventh to ninth and Peter Keenan of Scotland is rated tenth.

The new British Empire champion flyweight Dennis Adams of South Africa who kayoed Frankie Jones of Scotland, replaces inactive French champion, Robert Pollazon as the tenth choice.

Here are the month's leading bouts:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Eddie Machen stopped Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, 10.
Alex Miteff kayoed Bob Graves, 4.
Franco Cavicchi kayoed Robert Duquesne, 3.
Mino Bozzano bested Maurice Mols, 8.
Roy Harris outpointed Willi Besmanoff, 10.
Bob Satterfield outpointed Garvin Sawyer, 10.
Cleveland Williams kayoed John Holman, 7.
Charlie Norkus kayoed Leo Johnson, 5.

Bob Baker defeated Neal Welch, 10. Franco Cavicchi stopped Albert Westphal, 9. Bruno Scarabellin halted Antonio Crosia, 5. Surviving two knockdowns, Bob Murdoch came back to stop Ross Jenkins, 10.

Len Kanthal stopped Kid Crockett, 2. Wayne Womochil and Billy Tyree drew, 8. Dave Bondulich kayoed Mario Mastro, 5. New Zealand Champion Roy Stevens whipped Johnny Iefata, 12. Federico Friso kayoed Al Bernard, 2.

Don Jasper defeated Gene White, 10. Frankie Daniels kayoed Terry Jackson, 3, and again in 2. Ernest Terrell kayoed Ted Poole, 1. Arthur Wright defeated Johnny Bass, 6, and kayoed Leon Hatcher, 6. Dean McGowan bested Sonny Moore, 6. Jerry Bailey kayoed Willie Dennis, 2, and beat Russ Grothe, 6.

Larry Zernitz kayoed Bob Robbins, 2. Bob Cleroux kayoed Honey Jackson, 1. Joe Louis III decisioned Andy Domebo, 6. Johnny Burch defeated Ricco Brooks, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World champion Archie Moore kayoed Bobby Mitchell, 5 (non-title), and outpointed Eddie Cotton, 10 (non-title).

British Empire champion Yvon Durelle kayoed Floyd McCoy, 2.
British Champion Randy Turpin demolished Sergio Burchi, 2.

South African Champion Mike Holt kayoed Tommy du Preez, 6, and split-decisioned Arthur Howard, 10. Antonio Diaz won from Raul Saavedra, 10. Australian Champion Ricardo Marcos stopped Sandy Assogna, 6, after Assogna whipped Bull Hughes, 12, and won from Carl Marchin on disqualification, 8.

Aurelio Diaz defeated Santiago Moza, 10. Luis Ignacio beat Mauro Mina, 10. Unbeaten Gilbert Chapron continued along his winning way by demolishing Gunter Huber, 4. Pablo Sagripanti kayoed Alberto Benassi, 7. Orville Pitts kayoed Chuck Church, 1. Bob McKinney scored over Hugh Williams, 6. Sonny Ray halted George Blackstone, 4.

George Jarosch and Lou Bailey drew, 6. Don McAteer won from Lou Perry, 6. Young Beau Jack beat Roy Belsito, 6. Joe Schmolze and Walcott Jackson drew, 6.

Chuck Lincoln whipped Willie Stevens, 6, and stopped J. C. Johnson, 7. Juan Pomare whipped Bob Young, 6. Jimmy Monts won over Roy Belsito, 6. Hurricane Simms and Georgie Price drew, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Rory Calhoun drubbed Rocky Castellani, 10.
Joey Giardello whipped Wilf Greaves, 10.
Ellsworth Spider Webb whipped Willie Vaughn, 10.

Charley Joseph decisioned Frankie Anslem, 10. Frankie kayoed Victor Torres, 2. Bobby Boyd outscored Franz Szuzina, 10.

Jimmy Martinez and German champion Gustav Scholz drew, 10. Cuban champion Baby Linares retained his title by defeating Andres Gonzalez, 12. Andres then stopped Julio Carreras, 6.

Eduardo Lausse returned to action after a year's layoff and kayoed Antonio Cuevas, 3. Jimmy Beecham decisioned Bobby Lane, 10. Clive Stewart stopped Milo Savage, 12.

Charlie Black stopped Chebo Hernandez, 7. Hank Casey outscored Dick Lane, 10. Sugar Boy Nando kayoed Don Horner, 2. Max Resch outfought Manuel Correa, 10. George Knowles beat Sammy Walker, 10. Erich Walter whipped Giancarlo Brusa, 8.

Bobby Gordon kayoed Bobby Hughes, 3. Bob Stevens decisioned Jacques Barley, 8. Genorace Armstrong halted Eddie Thompson, 7, and outscored Randy Sandy, 10. Sam Langford defeated Evelio Rios, 10. Ubaldo Sacco halted Juan Carlos Nicoletti, 5.

Baby Colon halted Hank Jones, 7. Harry Castles held Graham Lamont to draw, 12. Gene Fullmer outslugged Neal Rivers, 10.

New Zealand Champion Barry Brown kayoed Tuna Scanlon, 4, and Clive French, 3. Ernst Zetzmann decisioned Gheres Frezgni, 8. Kid Fenton kayoed Samuel Nunez, 2. Hans-Werner Wohlers kayoed Peter Muller, 1.

Gomeo Brennan decisioned Gordon Van Loo, 10, but lost to Luis Rodriguez, 8. Ramon Esquivel beat Santiago Meza, 10. Sherman Williams upset Jimmy Remson, 6. Windmill Phipps upset Bobby King, 8. Young Quick Silver and Battling Nelson drew, 8.

Otis Woodard beat George Chimenti, 8, George beat Rinzi Nocero, 8, while Rinzi kayoed Jackie Lento, 2. Dick D'Orsi won over Lee Williams, 8, but was stopped by Richie Hill, 7. Guillermo Diaz won from Joe Garza, 6. Gene Hymel kayoed Vince Bonomo, 5.

British Empire champion Pat McAteer was held to a draw by Dick Tiger, 10.

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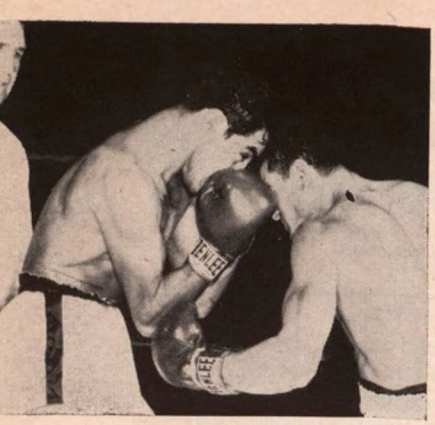
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Jerry Bailey, Minneapolis, Minn.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Hugh Williams, Portland, Oregon
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Kid Fenton, Aruba, DWI.
WELTERWEIGHT—Cecil Shorts, Cleveland, O.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Marvin McFarland, Philadelphia, Pa.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Joey Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.
BANTAMWEIGHT—Felix Gutierrez, Cuba
FLYWEIGHT—Ron Davis, Wales



WHICH FIGHT DID MUSHY CALLAHAN SEE?

Halimi whipped Macias soundly, but Referee saw it the other way.

Mexico's Raul Macias (left) seen on the receiving end of a hard right thrown by the world's bantamweight champ, Alphonse Halimi in the thirteenth round of their fifteen round contest won by the Frenchman.

By BILL MILLER

LOS ANGELES, Cal. (*Special Correspondent of The Ring Magazine*). It took a Frenchman from Algiers, Alphonse Halimi, and an Aztec from Mexico, Raul Raton Macias, to threaten the American attendance record for a bantamweight championship fight at Wrigley Field, and to put on a spectacular contest.

The battle, in which the clever Halimi demonstrated his right to the world title with a split decision over the Mexican, drew 18,385 persons. The record of 21,000 was set back in 1921, when Pete Herman and Joe Lynch met at Ebbets Field, in Brooklyn.

It is odd that Pete and Joe fought in the old home of the Dodgers, and Alphonse and Raton met in their new, if only temporary, location.

Halimi proved his right to universal recognition as world bantam king by outclassing his Mexican opponent. The gate was the largest for the division yet achieved in America.

The receipts, $209,331.74 (plus $35,000 for television), set a new mark for the Western continent but were not up to the figures set in the Bangkok, Thailand, bouts in which Jimmy Carruthers successfully defended his crown against Chamrern Songkitrat, and Robert Cohen won the world title by defeating Songkitrat after Carruthers had retired.

In the Carruthers contest, 59,760 persons paid $227,304 and in the Cohen battle 69,962 fans paid $215,725.

Wherever the NBA is respected, Macias was considered tops, but everywhere else, Halimi was recognized as world champion. Alphonse proved his right to the laurels and to this magazine's whole-hearted support, by winning in a canter.

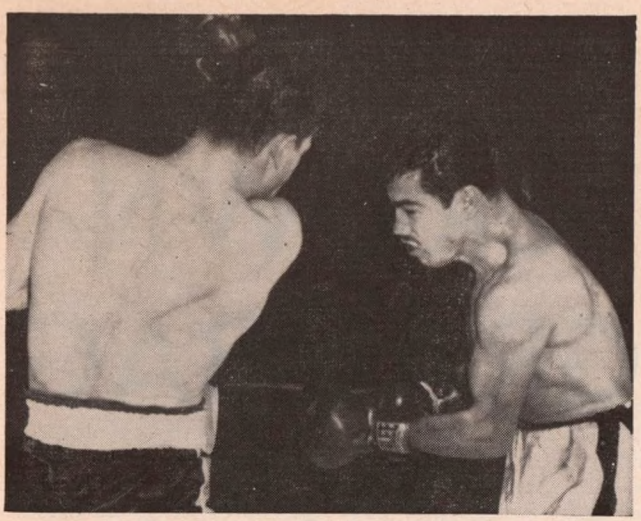
There was only one dissenter, Referee Mushy Callahan. He voted for Macias and was widely criticized by both reporters and fans, many of whom, if not most, came from across the Border. Even Macias' staunchest supporters, including the fighter himself, saw Halimi the victor.

REFEREE CALLAHAN BRINGS ABOUT A SPLIT DECISION

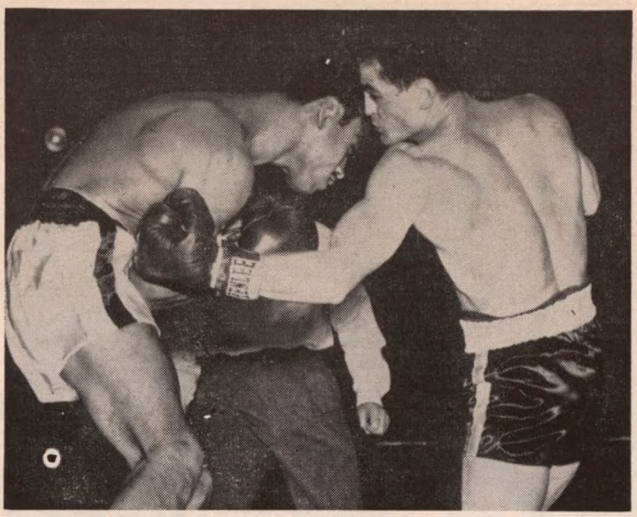
Judge Frankie Van voted 148-141 for the French-Algerian. He gave nine rounds to Alphonse, two to Macias and called four even.

Judge Dynamite Jackson handed the bout to Halimi, 147-136. He chalked up eleven rounds for the winner and four for Macias.

Referee Callahan had it 144-141 for Raton. He had



Halimi, in the eighth round, staggers Macias with a right that almost dropped the Mexican. Action took place at Los Angeles Wrigley Field.



Halimi took over as boss of the ring in the very first round. A hard left to the body of Macias brought a grunt of pain from the Mexican as he doubled up in the attempt to block the blow.

him ahead in eight rounds and gave five to Halimi and called two even.

The California press all had Halimi the winner.

Sid Ziff, Mirror-News gave it to Alphonse, 148-137; Cal Whorton, Los Angeles Times, 145-137; Morton Moss, Los Angeles Examiner, 144-142; and George Main, Los Angeles Herald-Express, 146-141.

My card favored Halimi. How could anyone have voted otherwise? Callahan, a highly respected official, one of California's best, was the target of darts in the daily press. Said Ziff in his column:

"Halimi won by a split decision due to brainstorm on the part of the referee."

George T. Davis of the Herald-Express, in his column remarked:

"If Mushy Callahan should run for office south of the Border, I don't think even the Mexicans would vote for him. Callahan, who voted for their ring idol, was practically alone."

Anyway, Callahan muffed badly.

As for the fight itself, it wasn't a gratifying contest so far as the huge gathering was concerned, because most had come with the expectation of seeing Raton score a knockout, but it was a very good one. However, in the minds of veterans, it was one of the finest seen in the division in many years. It was a reminder of the days when Herman, Lynch, Jack Sharkey, Johnny Coulon, Frankie Burns and Pancho Villa, among many others, were in the spotlight, Villa fighting both as a flyweight and a bantam.

INTEREST HIGH AT ALL TIMES; HALIMI'S SHIFT BRINGS VICTORY

The excellent boxing kept the TV fans, from what I judge from national reports, as well as the ringsiders, on edge from start to finish. Even when Halimi started his romp home in the last five rounds and made Macias miss frequently, the interest never lagged.

There were no knockdowns, no rubbery knees. Blood showed only from Macias' schnozz.

During the early rounds Halimi, former Algerian street fighter, tried to turn the battle into a slugfest. Fighting from a half-crouch, he kept pressing forward, tossed hooks and uppercuts to the Mexican's body and head. But he found Raton ready to meet the assault.

In those rounds the Mexican played Alphonse's game and the gamecocks stood head-to-head, tossing blows at each other. Seldom did the referee have to pry them apart.

With the fight close after ten rounds and Halimi fearful that a close battle would bring defeat, his handlers urged him to switch from in-fighting to long-range jabbing. He proceeded to beat his rival at his own game. Macias didn't take a round after that. He was behind on all score cards of scribes and two judges in the last five rounds, the ones that enabled Halimi to clinch victory, but Callahan called the last five even!

Macias praised his opponent highly for his fighting qualities. He said he injured a hand in the sixth round.

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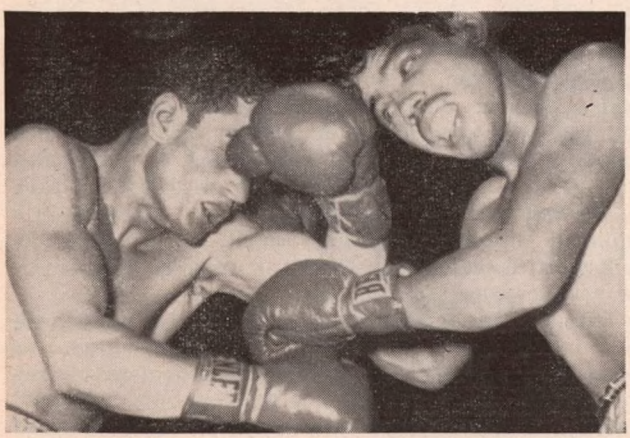
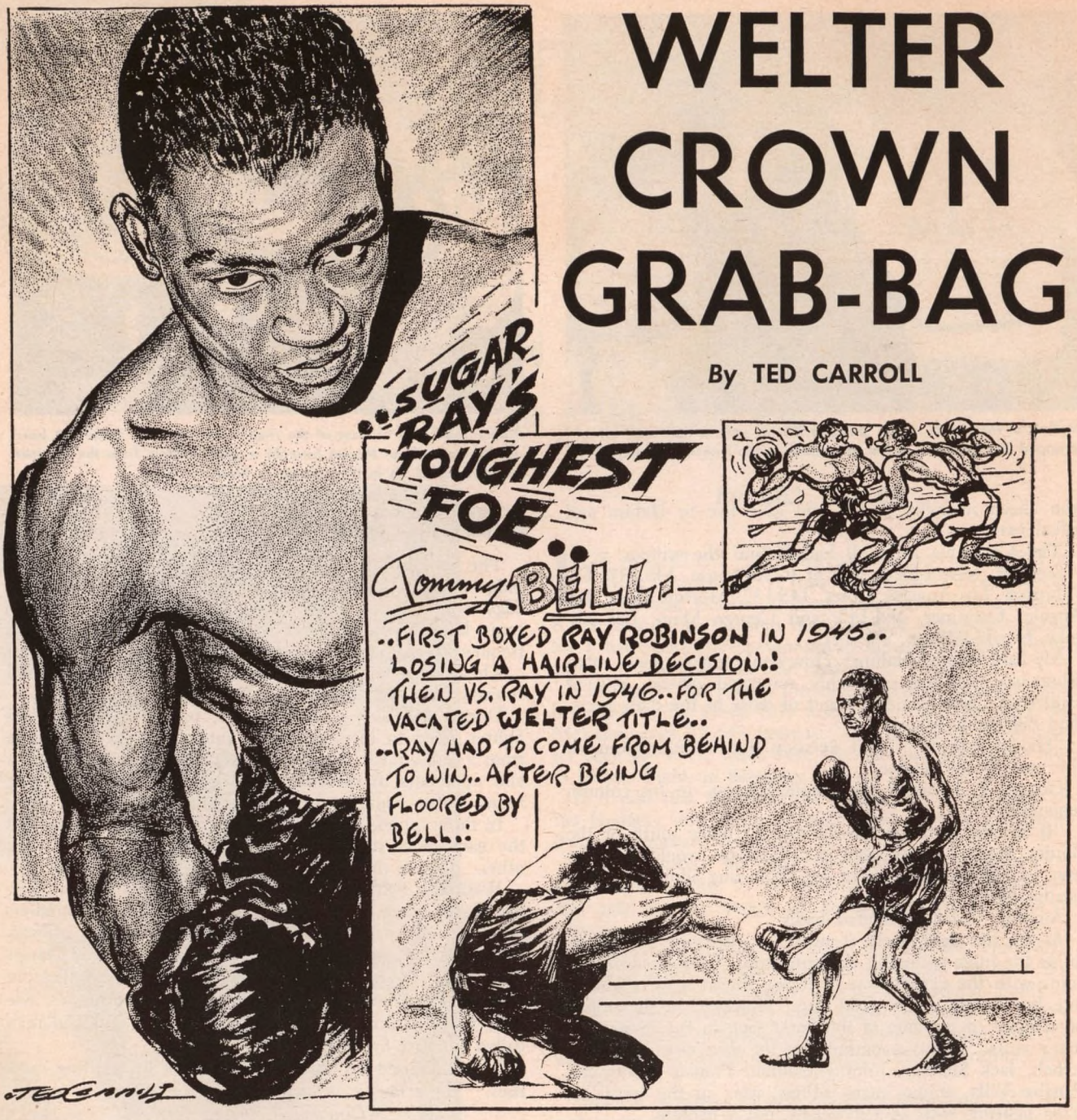


Macias (right) attempting to break through a typical French crab defense couldn't quite make it and received a countering left hook for his trouble.

The hard fought contest over after fifteen rounds with Halimi the winner by a split verdict. The champ (right) congratulates his rival for his spirited bid for the title. Note Macias' right eye.

WELTER CROWN GRAB-BAG

By TED CARROLL



VIRGIL AKINS' knockout of former welter king Tony De Marco in the latter's Boston backyard, has spotlighted the St. Louisan in the scramble for Carmen Basillo's vacated welterweight throne, but the veteran "Honeybear" from the Mound City is miles away from general recognition as champion. The N.B.A. has refused to go along with the presumptuous declaration of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission, that the winner of the De Marco-Akins scrap rated the title. As Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York State commission feels likewise, it appears that it will take a little time before anyone gains the unanimous blessing of all the governing bodies as 147 pound king.

Overseas the insistence on the part of the World Championship Committee that British Empire welter champion George Barnes of Australia, be placed on equal footing with stateside aspirants, Akins, Vince Martinez, Isaac Logart, Gil Turner and Gäspar Ortega, has gained for the British Empire champion a place in the elimination.

The Massachusetts body, obviously solicitous of the interests of Boston's beloved "Tony Dee", when it dubbed the Akins-DeMarco setto a title affair, had the idea backfire on it with the elimination of the dangerous former champ. Still in deference to the squat Bostonian's crowd–pleasing and gate-pulling potential–the gate for his Akins match topped $60,000–it might be a good idea to reserve first crack at the eventual victor in the welterweight sweepstakes, for DeMarco. He is tentatively slated to meet Akins in a return in January, but if Virgil should fail to survive the contemplated tournament, DeMarco, would be a logical foe for whoever comes out on top.

Since the turn of the century, saving one ten year stretch following Mike "Twin" Sullivan's abdication from the welter throne in 1907, the 147 pounders have gone along with a minimum of the confusion resulting from claims and counter-claims of multiple champions, which has plagued other classes, notably the middleweights and featherweights.

After getting the mixed-up years between 1907 and 1915 out of the way, when chaos reigned with Jimmy Gardner,

Jimmy Clabby, Ray Bronson, Kid Ferns, Mike Gibbons, Kid Graves, Mike Glover, Ted "Kid" Lewis and Jack Britton, each calling himself champion at various times, the whole business simmered down to Lewis and Britton, who by 1915 had displayed a definite superiority over the others. That is, with the exception of Mike Gibbons who by 1915 had outgrown the division, but who in the opinions of surviving oldtimers, was clearly the class of the crop when fighting as a welterweight.

These voices from the past are full of praise for the smart boxing, sharp hitting "Crew Cut" from St. Paul. They insist that the only reason he didn't win universal recognition as welter king, was his own lack of interest in the title itself.

When Lewis won a decision over Britton in Boston on August 31, 1915, his manager, Jimmy Johnston sounded off at such length that Lewis was accepted as champion in most quarters, with only a few mumbles here and there heard in Britton's behalf. The Englishman made his acceptance as champion complete two years later when he won a twenty round verdict over clever Jack in Dayton, Ohio.

Britton and Lewis resumed their unending rivalry the following year—1918. Then it became the most drawn out series in ring history for they met twenty times, twenty-two according to Lewis. Britton who had been getting the worst of their early meetings, most of them no-decision bouts, although nine years older outlasted Lewis by stopping Ted "Kid" in nine rounds in Canton, on March 17, 1919.

That was a most surprising denouement in the extended series, since even knockdowns had been rare in the clashes between these two scientific performers—let alone a knockout. Lewis has always claimed illness as the reason for this defeat, a claim given credence by veterans of the business. Be that as it may, everyone now hailed Britton as welterweight champion without any reservation whatsoever.

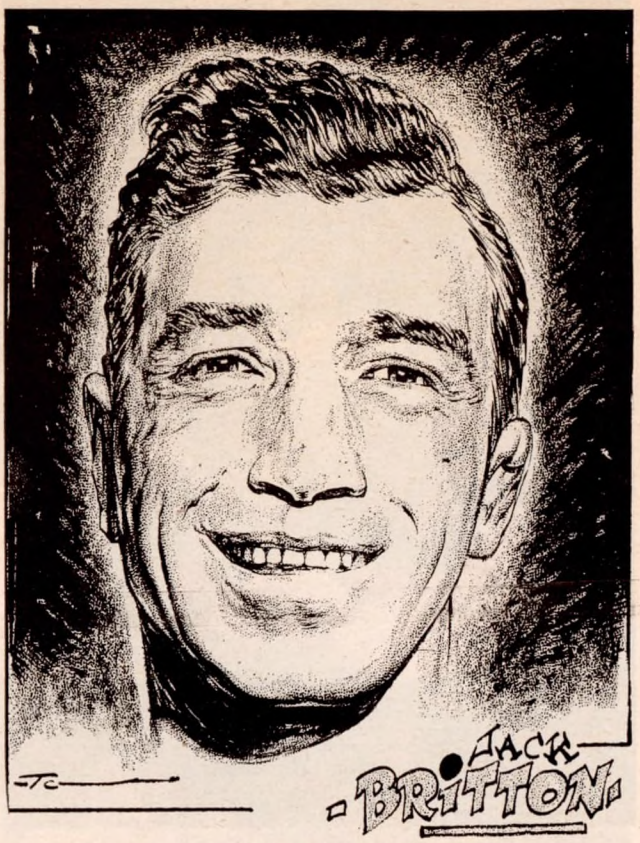
Following this protracted spell of title turbulence, the division sailed along smoothly for 27 years. During all this time—believe it or not—there never was more than one welterweight title claimant at any one time, as the title changed hands in orderly progression.

Britton and Lewis were dim shadows in a misty past, World War II had come and gone and the TV era was dawning when welter champ Marty Servo faced with the double hazard of a nose injury and a terrifying contender in Sugar Ray Robinson, who had been regarded as the "uncrowned champion"—for years, called it a career in 1946 without defending his title.

Although Robinson towered above everybody else in public estimation, it didn't seem quite right to just call him the champion and let it go at that, so the commissions and the N.B.A. sent out a call for co-claimants to compete against Sugar Ray. In the entire country only one man could be found willing to meet Ray for the discarded crown. He was Tommy Bell of Youngstown, O. This was most unprecedented. In years gone by, claimants for relinquished titles had popped up everywhere and it is a tribute to Sugar Ray's unparalleled status among ringmen, that only one boxer could be flushed out willing to contend with him for as rich a prize as a world's boxing title.

Bell had no fear of Robinson, and in the light of past performances, clearly rates as the most stubborn foe Sugar has had to vie with in his incredible career. It must be taken into account that the Harlem wonder was in his prime then, and not an aging ex-song and dance man trudging a comeback trail.

Bell and Robinson had met in Cleveland on January 16, 1945 and Sugar Ray had to go all out to win a bitterly contested decision. Therefore when he faced Bell in Madison Square Garden for the welterweight title on December 20, 1946, he fully realized he had his work cut out for him. He was not wrong. Bell, who was hampered throughout



his career by trouble with the arches of his feet, serious enough to cause his rejection for military service, got off fast, dropped the Sugar Baby in the second round, and had he possessed greater mobility, might have clinched things right then and there. But along with his other great qualities as a fighter, Ray Robinson possessed the drive to come from behind, and fighting for his very life, he rallied to floor Bell in the eleventh stanza and eke out a decision which many present considered a hairline verdict.

While one judge saw Ray handily ahead by a top heavy margin of ten to five in rounds won with the referee concurring, the remaining judge, Jack O'Sullivan's tally giving Robinson eight rounds with six for Bell and one even, was much closer to the consensus of spectator and press opinion.

So, after long years of frustration, Ray Robinson, was finally welterweight champion but it significant that he never boxed Tommy Bell again although the closeness of their title fight warranted another chance for the flat-footed fighter from Ohio. Bell gave Sugar Ray, then at his peak, a harder time of it than anyone else ever did.

Ray relinquished the lighter crown to go after LaMotta's middleweight title in 1951. Before facing the old Bronx Bull, he engaged in a contest which had great similarity to the recent Akins-DeMarco contest in Boston.

That was a Pennsylvania State announced title match, with France's Robert Villemain, for the middleweight championship, which had been peremptorily stripped from champion LaMotta by the Pennsylvania Commission. Its reason for this action was the New Yorker's refusal to meet either the Frenchman or Sugar Ray. Ray won this one, but outside of Pennsylvania he remained just the welterweight king.

With the aid of a friendly set of scales, plus a charity

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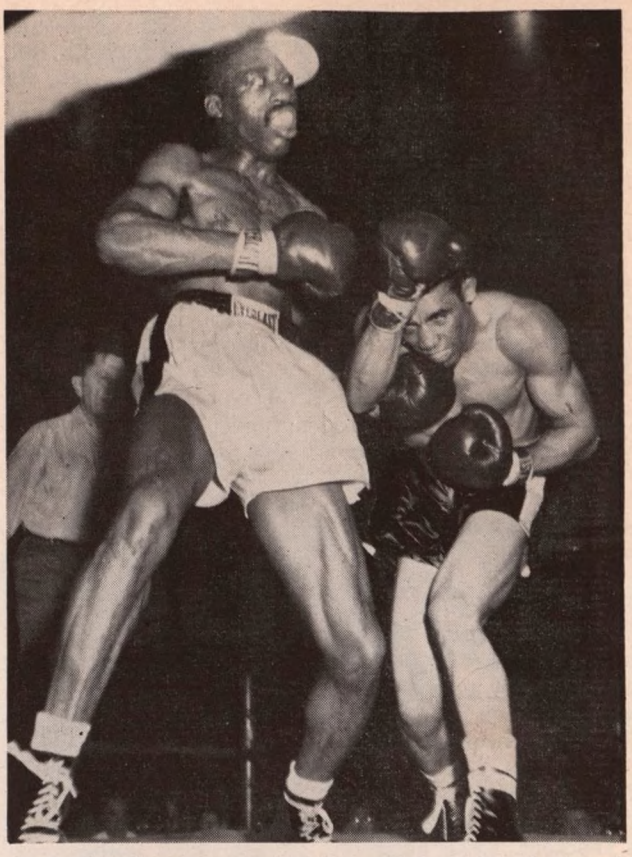
Rocky Rocky. Rocky Castellani has a hard right thrown by Rory Calhoun bounce off his head during seventh round of their middleweight bout at Madison Square Garden. Calhoun, White Plains, N. Y., contender, won unanimous ten round decision.

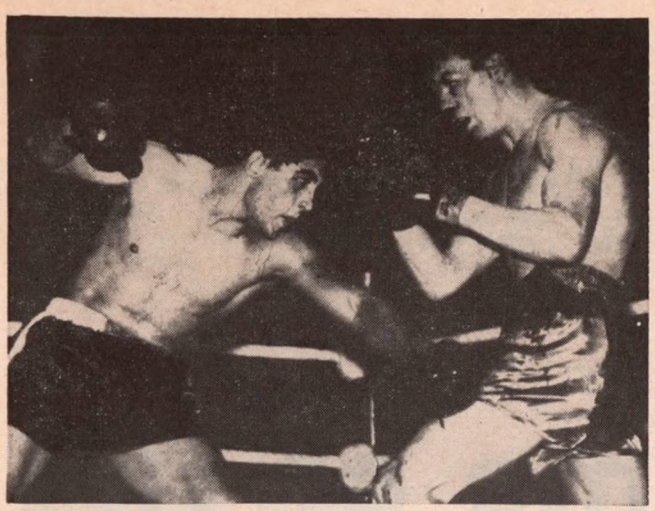


Ace in the Hole. Randy Sandy (left) sneaks in a left to the jaw of Gene (Ace) Armstrong during their middleweight bout at St. Nicholas Arena, New York. Armstrong, of Elizabeth, N. J., rallied to win the ten round decision.

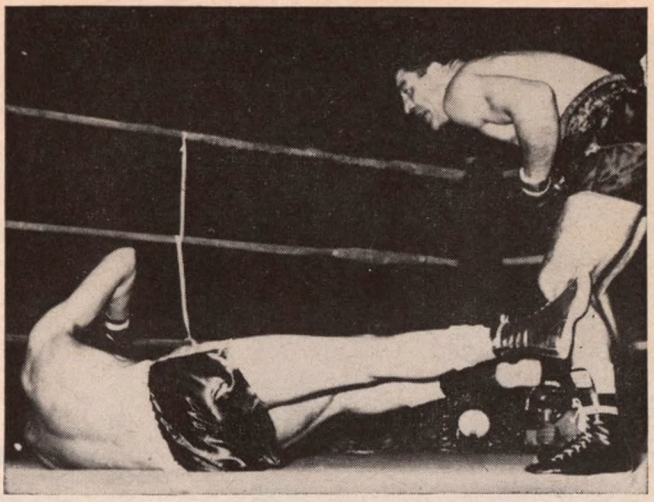
FIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Bobby Socks. Bobby Boyd (right) shoots a powerful short right to jaw of German Franz Szuzina during second round of a middleweight match at War Memorial in Syracuse. Boyd continued the attack to go on and win a ten round decision.

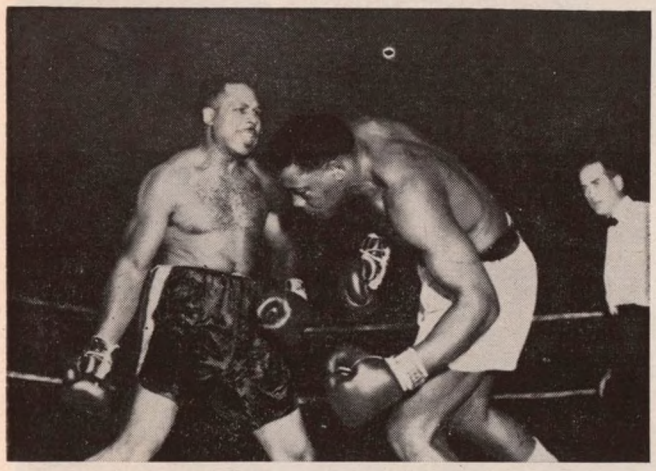
Feathers Fuss. Davey Moore (left), of Springfield, Ohio and Jose Cotero, Los Angeles, trade punches in close infighting during their ten round featherweight bout in the Capital Arena, Wash. Moore outclassed Cotero for the decision.



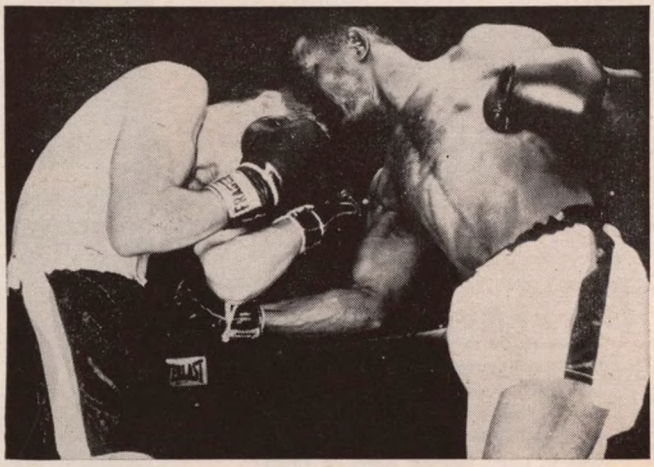
Wily Willie. Willie Pastrano (left) put on a magnificent display to win a solid ten round decision over Dick Richardson of Britain in London's Harringay Arena. Pastrano, of New Orleans, had Richardson cut and bleeding and badly outclassed.



You Still Here? Franco Cavicchi, former European heavyweight champion, leans over Robert Duquesne, French title-holder, after delivering a knockout punch in the third round of their bout at Bologna, Italy. Duquesne was counted out.

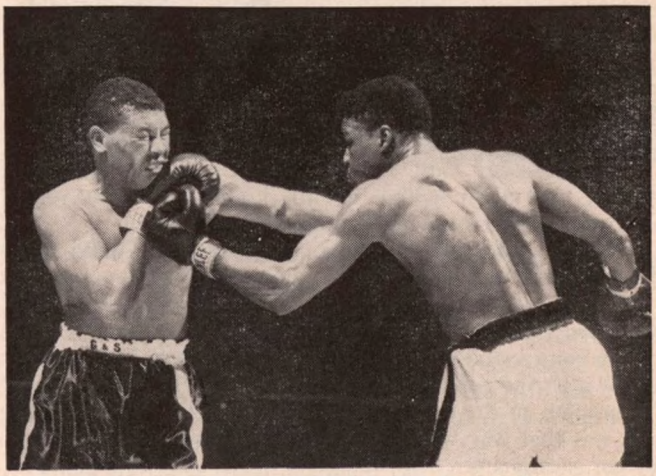


No Moore Needed. Bob Mitchell (right) starts to crumble to the canvas as Archie Moore, world light heavyweight champion, readies another right. The fight, held at Exhibition Gardens, Vancouver, B. C. was stopped in the fifth with Moore the winner.

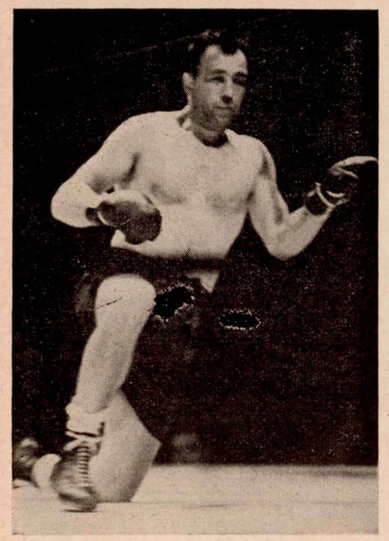


The Cover Up. Kenny Lane (left) covers up and blocks a right thrown by Cuban Orlando Zulueta during ten round lightweight bout held at Chicago Stadium. Lane, a ranking contender for the title, won the unanimous decision and still waits for title bid.

Tommy Guns. Tommy Tibbs (right) lands a stiff right to the solar plexus of Frankie Ippolito during their bout at St. Nicholas Arena. Tibbs scored an upset decision in the ten round lightweight match.



Weaving a Webb. Spider Webb (right), Chicago middleweight, slams a left at blocking Willie Vaughn during ten rounder at Madison Square Garden. Webb kept on the pressure to gain the decision.

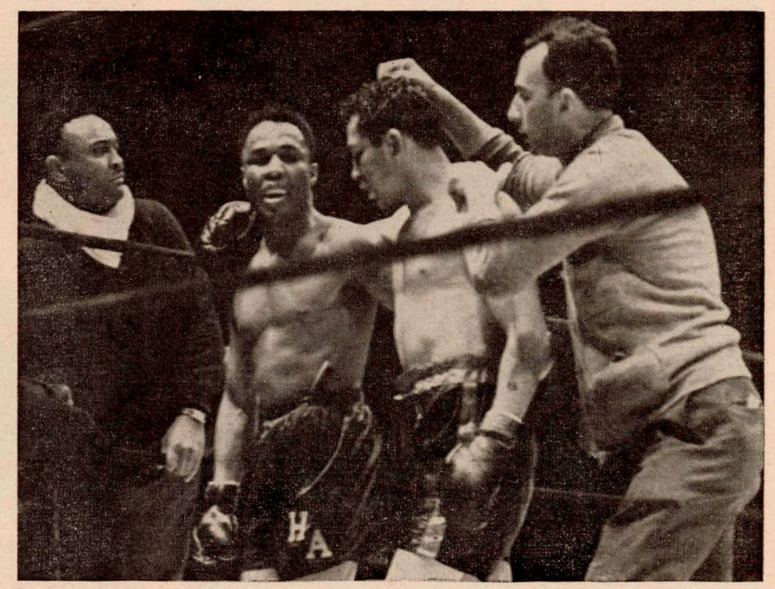


Game to the last Jack Sharkey pulled himself to his feet in third round of his title fight with Joe Louis at Yankee Stadium, N. Y., in September 1936. The bout was halted by the referee a few moments later.

Oldtimers Asked And Gave No Quarter . . . And Even In Defeat They Had Their Moments

Home of the Brave

By AL BUCK



Barney Ross (right) after losing his welterweight title to Henry Armstrong, in which Ross took a merciless beating over fifteen rounds at the Long Island City Garden Bowl. Thoroughly drubbed he announced his retirement but he was in there fighting right up to the finishing bell.

WHEN the seventh round ended James J. Braddock knew he was face to face with defeat. Everybody in Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox, on that June night sensed that Joe Louis was on the verge of winning the world heavyweight championship.

"I'm going to stop it Jimmy," manager Joe Gould told the battered champion.

"If you do I'll never speak to you again," Braddock mumbled through split and bleeding lips.

The gong sounded and Braddock advanced to be knocked out by a terrific right to the jaw. He finished flat on his face, a champion to the last.

It was that way with the old guard. They neither asked for nor gave quarter.

Louis in his greatest hour was a relentless, heartless executioner. Henry Armstrong was the same as he hammered his way to the welterweight championship in the Garden Bowl at Long Island City. Barney Ross, making his last stand, was on his feet at the finish, but he had been pounded throughout the 15 rounds.

In the dressing room afterwards Ross announced his retirement.

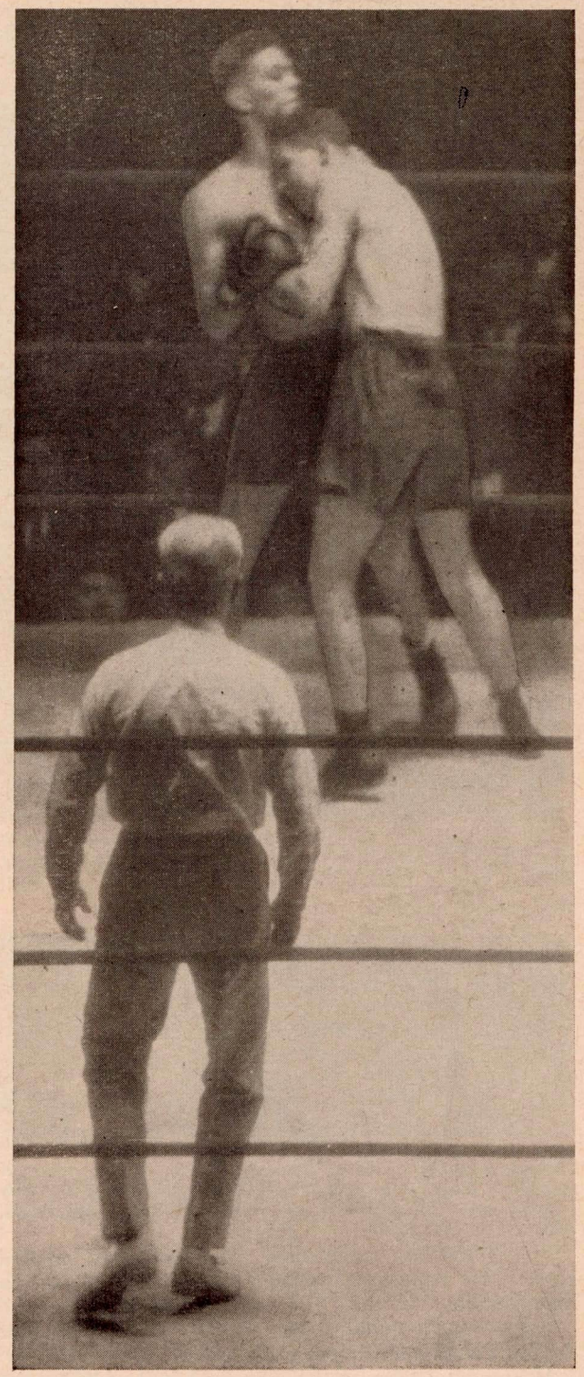
"Do you think you could have beaten Armstrong when you were in your prime?" a reporter asked the former champion.

"I don't know," answered Barney. *"All I know is I couldn't beat him tonight."*

The end came for Armstrong, as it must for all champions, but not until he had given all he had to give. The triple champion was defending the last of his three titles—the welterweight—against Fritzie Zivic. Fritzie did a thorough job. He had Henry cut up, hurt and bruised, and still the champion fought on through the 15th round.

When the bell sounded ending the fight, and not until then, the exhausted Armstrong pitched face forward on the canvas.

Gene Tunney (left) in second of five bout series with Harry Greb in which he regained the American light heavyweight title. After first battle, which he lost, he manifested bravery of true champ . . . wanted a return match.



This was a dramatic ending, or so it seemed, to a great career, but there was more to come. There was the return bout, and again Zivic was victorious. Henry was a beaten battered and bleeding fighter as he slumped on his stool at the end of the 10th round. The referee came over to stop the fight.

"Please let me try one more round," Armstrong pleaded. The referee agreed against his better judgment. Armstrong went out and actually won the 11th round. That was as far as he could go. The referee had to stop it in the 12th.

Although he still rules as world light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore belongs to the old guard. Fighting Rocky Marciano for the heavyweight title, Ancient Archie refused to surrender. Referee Harry Kessler wanted to stop it at the end of the eight.

"Don't do it," said Moore with blazing pride. *"If I lose it must be by a knockout."*

He was in the next round, the ninth, but he went down fighting.

The modern day champion may be inspired by the same spirit as the old time kings of the ring, but fights under different rules. Hurricane Jackson's futile effort to win the world heavyweight title from Floyd Patterson is an example. Referee Ruby Goldstein stopped the fight when Jackson was still on his feet. This was unheard of even a few years ago.

Nobody seriously questioned Goldstein's judgment. Jackson had been knocked down, he was badly beaten, and he had no chance of winning. While Ruby's action was greeted by a few booes, they came from the greedy, who had wagered Jackson would go the limit, as he had in their first fight, when the decision was split.

Boxers get better medical care today, and there is always a doctor at the ringside on whom the referee may call on if he thinks a fighter is in danger of being seriously injured. Imagine Jess Willard being allowed to continue after being knocked down seven times in the first round, as he was by Jack Dempsey at Toledo!

That couldn't happen in this era which Dr. Mal Stevens, head of the New York Commission's medical advisory board calls the *"quick whistle."*

Sugar Ray Robinson sensed danger when he was badly cut above the left eye by Randy Turpin in their second fight at New York's Polo Grounds. He knew Goldstein would stop it, once the round was over, and he called on his great talents. Turpin was pinned against the ropes as Sugar Ray vollied with left and rights. Randy was helpless in a matter of seconds, and Ruby leaped in to proclaim Robinson the winner in the 10th round.

Robinson not only did not ask for quarter, he gave none. The British, Jack Solomons among them, protested that Turpin, as middleweight champion, was entitled to be knocked off his feet at least, nevertheless the title had been lost and won. Robinson's last ditch stand had been rewarded with victory.

There are times when judgment can be the better part of valor. I met Armstrong in Boston, where he was to defend the welterweight title against Paul Junior. He had just come from Los Angeles where he had fought a draw for the mid-

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HALIMI'S VICTORY BACKS UP THE RING
AKINS SCORES SPECTACULAR SURPRISE
BOSTON SHOULD LOOK TO ITS JUDGING

THE Ring Magazine and its editor and publisher extend the hand of congratulation to Alphonse Halimi, of France, who in a fifteen round fight with Raul Macias, at Los Angeles, confirmed his right to the bantamweight championship of the world.

Far from his native heath in Algiers, and his present home in Paris, in an atmosphere for him alien and antagonistic, Halimi gave a spectacular demonstration of boxing skill, and a heart warming exhibition of fighting spirit.

The Ring Magazine reserves congratulations for itself. Hewing to the right and militant for justice and the facts, this publication refused to join in the clamor for recognition of Macias as the world champion.

The Ring felt that, on the record, Halimi was the rightful owner of the crown, and that if Macias wanted a clear title, he would have to beat Halimi.

Macias, a 10 to 8 favorite, did not beat Halimi, and now the Frenchman's title is unclouded even for the little Mexican's most ardent supporters.

On his way to Los Angeles, Halimi stopped in New York. *"What are your chances?"* I said to him. *"You know, Macias is a fine fighter."*

"I will beat him just as surely as we stand here," Halimi replied. He made an odd gesture, cutting his head off with his right hand.

Asked what it meant, Alphonse said, *"If I do not beat Macias, I will leave my head in that ring."*

Halimi did not have to leave his head in the Los Angeles ring.

As for Macias, he still is a great little boxer, a big attraction both in Mexico and in California and a great little fighter. But, as he now knows, he is not the champion.

Lou 'Peanuts' Barbetta, Assistant Public Relations Director of the Grumman Aircraft Co., who died at the age of 40. Barbetta was a prominent New York boxer.

Nat Fleischer, Publisher, fastens Ring Magazine's World Middleweight Championship belt around Carmen Basilio at Boxing Writers' Association luncheon.

AKINS' KNOCKOUT OVER DE MARCO BIG UPSET

The knockout victory of Virgil Akins of St. Louis over Tony De Marco in the first of the eliminations to decide a successor to Carmen Basilio as world welterweight champion, was one of the outstanding surprises of the year. Seldom has a boxer been conceded so little chance of winning as was Akins.

Many top ringmen hesitate to accept Boston assignments due to the allegation that in order to win a Hub contest, one must out-score his opponent by a big margin. But similar fear exists in all other parts of the country where a colorful battler has gained wide public support. It's not limited to Boston.

Akins accepted the bout for two reasons—the financial inducement and because he figured that a triumph over De Marco would put him into the running for the championship. He succeeded in obtaining both. Yet when one examines the score cards of the officials as compared to the judgments of the spectators and reporters, he realizes that the charge of "home town" verdicts in the Hub sometimes may not be unfounded.

Akins scored six knockdowns. The sixth brought him the victory. Yet the referee Jimmy McCarron, gave Tony a five point margin at the end of the thirteenth round, and eight to three, and two even, in rounds.

Judge Jim Shaughnessy had it even in points yet showed De Marco ahead in rounds, seven to four, and two even.

Judge Joe Santoro favored Akins by one point and one round.

Fuel for the encore, to be staged in Boston by John Buckley early next year, based on television with a New England blackout, was furnished by the fact that the loser, an 11 to 5 favorite, was more than even in the official scoring at the end of thirteen rounds, despite his many trips to the canvas up to that point.

Certainly the Boston system of scoring and judging fights is open for review.

REFEREE USED AN ODD SYSTEM OF SCORING POINTS

Referee McCarron's 125 to 120 points favoring the loser, was the subject of hot national adverse criticism.

The home town voting for De Marco is nothing new. It has happened before. It must not happen again.

De Marco again is favored to beat Akins in the return bout and regain his position as a top challenger though by his defeat, he was eliminated from the welter tourney.

Since the bout drew $62,608 and the pay-off was on a net of $49,194, Akins and his managers, quickly accepted the terms for the return to take place when de Marco recovers from his present ailment. Money talks and Akins hasn't been too successful in obtaining lucrative bouts.

Despite the "title" claim by Akins based on the action of the Bay State Boxing Board in designating the fight as for the world crown, no organization other than Henry Lamar's Massachusetts Commission and the Illinois Commission recognizes Akins as other than an outstanding contender.

To win world acclaim Akins will have to defeat the survivor of the World Boxing Championship Committee's elimination choices consisting of himself, Isaac Logart, of Cuba; Vince Martinez, of Paterson, N. J.; Gil Turner, of Philadelphia; Gasper Ortega, of Mexico, and George Barnes of Australia. The Ring thinks that Charley 'Tombstone' Smith should have been named. He deserves it.

It is strange that a man of the high standing of Lamar should set aside and defy the National Boxing Association's ruling on the world elimination. The NBA is a member of the World Boxing Commission and Lamar is a member of the Board of Directors of the NBA which asked for membership on the World Commission and appointed Anthony Petronalla as its representative.

The President of the NBA, Gilbert Jackson, authorized Petronella to cast his ballot in favor of the world elimination, thus making it a unanimous choice. Yet Massachusetts defied the edict. That's one of the reasons why so little faith is placed in Commission rule in that State.

I admire the stand taken by Fred Saddy of the NBA Rating Committee of which Lamar is also a member, that fellow members of the NBA who defy the organization's regulations should be dismissed from membership.

In this he has the whole-hearted support of the majority.

It's about time the NBA took to task those of its members who won't abide by their own rulings for the betterment of boxing. Jackson is the first head of the NBA in many years who has taken a firm stand against those who flout its rulings. I wonder, and so do many others, where Abe Greene, National Commissioner of the NBA, stands in this matter.

The action of the World Boxing Championship Committee in naming the eligible members of the welterweight contenders for a world elimination to decide Basilio's successor, is to be commended.

Though Akins, through his managers, Messrs. Glickman and Yawitz at first declined the invitation to enter the international competition with the assertion that Virgil already had won the world crown by defeating De Marco, we are pleased to see that they have changed their minds and that Akins will compete for the right to gain universal recognition as world champion.

The World Championship Committee's edict should not be ignored by anyone interested in the uplift of boxing. It represents practically every country where boxing is legal.

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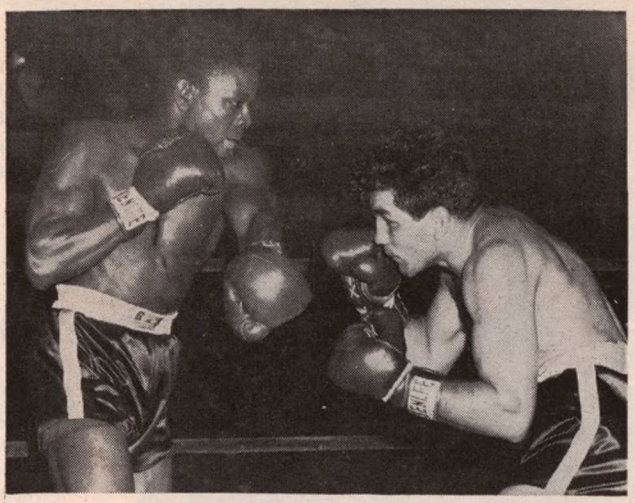
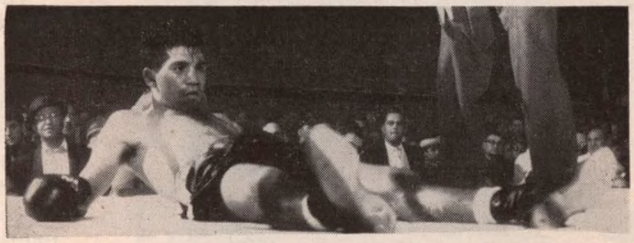
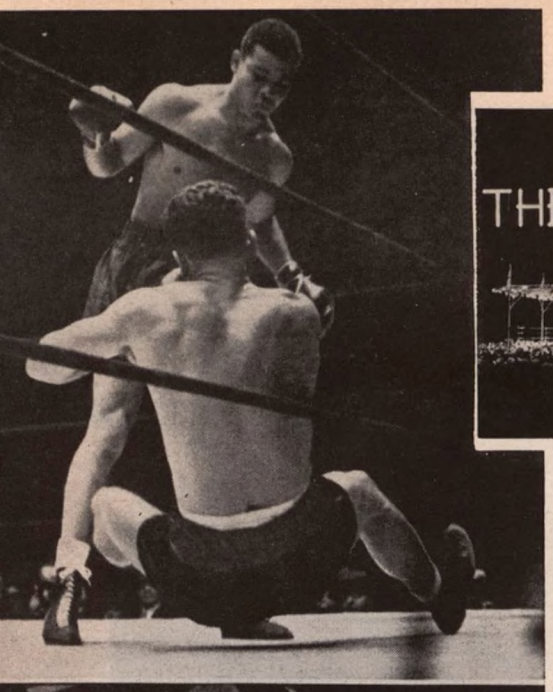
The smile of a "champion." Virgil Akins wears the Massachusetts State belt which he was awarded when he knocked out welterweight Tony De Marco.

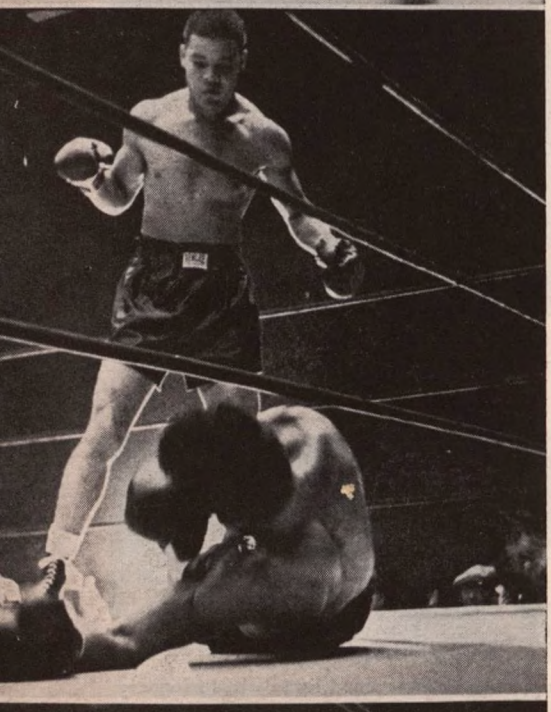


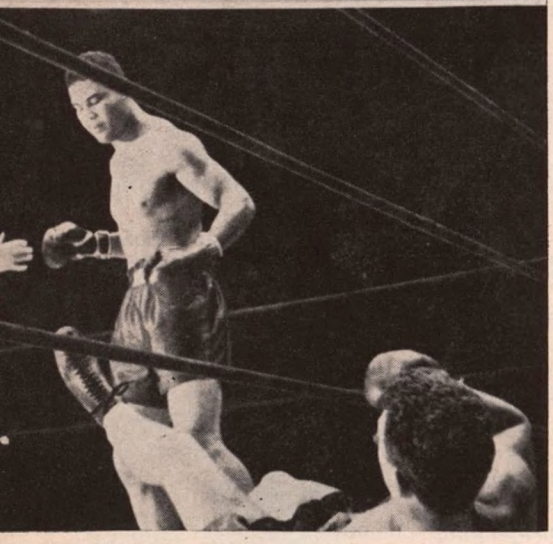
A scene in the sixth round of the Massachusetts welterweight title bout between Virgil Akins (left) of St. Louis and Tony De Marco of Boston.



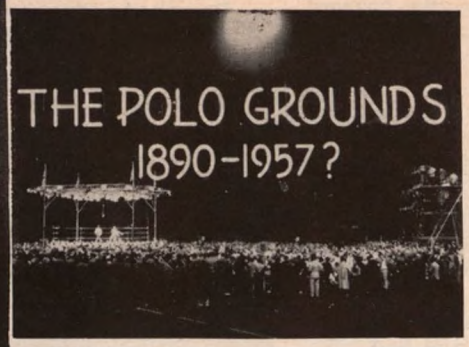
Here we see De Marco stretched out as the doleful decimal is counted over him in the fourteenth round, eliminating De Marco from the world welterweight tournament to find a successor to Carmen Basilio.







His Yoga teachings, Dynamic Stance and Cosmic Punch weren't of much help to Lou Nova when Joe Louis clouted him. Here the Californian is seen (top) Going! (center) Going!! and (bottom) Gone!!!



By JERSEY JONES

(This is the final installment of a four-part series on the colorful sports history of the Polo Grounds, which may be demolished when New York's baseball Giants move to San Francisco. These articles cover the important role boxing has played in the long, exciting career of the Harlem stadium)

ON July 17, 1940, the Polo Grounds was the scene of a match between the then ruling welterweight and lightweight champions, Henry Armstrong and Lew Jenkins. Because Armstrong agreed to "make" 140 pounds, and the bout was limited to ten rounds, Homicide Hank's laurels were not at stake. At the afternoon weigh-in, Armstrong scaled 139 to Jenkins' 135½. Promoted by Mike Jacobs and his 20th Century Sporting Club, the bout drew a paying crowd of 23,306 and receipts of $111,487.

It was a meeting of two widely contrasting styles—Jenkins, a dangerous puncher in spite of his scrawny appearance, and Armstrong, strong, durable and aggressive.

The sharpshooting Jenkins, trying for a quick victory, set a furious pace for two rounds and gave Armstrong a rugged going-over. When Hank not only stood up under Lew's lustiest clouts, but continued to bore in, the Texan became discouraged. By the third round Jenkins was displaying signs of panic as the relentless Armstrong, bobbing and weaving his way forward, ripped savage lefts and rights into Lew's body.

From then on the fight became a rout. Jenkins skittered around the ring like a scared rabbit, with Armstrong in hot pursuit. In the fourth Hank dropped Jenkins for nine. In the fight he had Lew down again for another nine. In the sixth the Texan hit the canvas three times, first for three, then for two nines.

Jenkins was near collapse as he tottered to his corner at the bell, and when he slipped off his stool, Referee Arthur Donovan decided the massacre had gone far enough. He signalled the end of the bout.

LOUIS' CLOSE CALL

Next to the explosive Jack Dempsey-Luis Angel Firpo brawl, probably the most dramatic world heavyweight title fight held in New York in the last half-century was the one uncovered by Joe Louis and Billy Conn in the Polo Grounds on June 18. This was another Mike Jacobs-20th Century S. C. promotion. The attendance was 60,071 and the receipts $451,743.

During his long, record-breaking reign as ruler of the heavyweight roost, Louis never was as close to defeat as he was that night.

Shufflin' Joe was then on what the late Jack Miley dubbed the "Bum-of-the-Month-Club" tour. Conn was his seventh opponent in seven months. Despite Billy's personal popularity, and his fine record as light-heavyweight champion, he didn't figure to be strong or rugged enough for the powerful-hitting Louis. With his speed and skill, he might be troublesome for a while but eventually he'd be battered to the canvas by the champion, who outweighed him 199½ pounds to 174.

But something went definitely amiss with the advance calculations.

It was Louis, not Conn, who had the better of the early milling. The flashy Pittsburgh Kid absorbed heavy punishment for seven rounds and was stung several times by Louis' punches, but he was still in there fighting as the scheduled 15-rounder neared the half-way mark.

Then, strangely, it became apparent that Louis, not Conn, was beginning to tire. Conn outboxed him in the eighth round. As the fight moved along, Louis continued to slow down, and Conn became more daring. Billy not only was outboxing the champion, but actually outpunching him!

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By the twelfth round, Conn had taken charge of operations. He was belting Louis almost at will. Joe, weary and fading fast, couldn't hold him off. Just as the bell ended the round, a left hook buckled Louis' knees and sent him tumbling uncertainly to his corner.

With three rounds to go, hysteria had taken over the Polo Grounds. The crowd was wild with excitement. Sensational ring history was in the making. All Conn had to do was to box the rest of the way and he'd be the new champion.

But there was too much Irish in the Pittsburgh Kid. He wasn't satisfied with outpointing Louis; he was determined to knock Joe out.

It proved a disastrous decision. Even a tired, befuddled Louis was nobody to trifle with. So long as he still had a punch left in his system, Joe was dangerous.

But Conn elected to fight instead of box, and midway through the thirteenth round he ran headling into a left-right combination thrown in desperation by the weary champion. The two punches crashed against Billy's chin. He stumbled back on jittery legs. Louis, quick to sense his opportunity, pulled himself together and ripped into the Pittsburgher with both hands blazing away. Conn reeled drunkenly before the onslaught, then collapsed to the canvas. The round had only two seconds to go when Referee Eddie Joseph completed the count.

THE "COSMIC PUNCH"

On September 29, three and a half months after the Conn episode, Louis returned to the Polo Grounds for another defense of his laurels. His opponent this time was Lou Nova, twice knockout conqueror of former champion Max Baer. Mike Jacobs and his organization promoted the show.

It is doubtful if any challenger for the heavyweight title ever was responsible for weirder publicity material than Nova. He had become a student of that mysterious Hindu ascetic philosophy, Yoga. He was perfecting a "dynamic stance" and a "cosmic punch" with which to destroy Louis. It was colorful copy for the sports writers and they made the most of it in their daily reports from Nova's training camp. It had its desired effect on a curious public. The crowd totalled 56,549 and the receipts $583,771.

Nova's strange shenanigans also had a psychological effect on Louis. Joe didn't know what Lou's mysterious antics were all about, but he wasn't taking any undue chances. For five rounds the bout was a dull affair. Not knowing what to expect, Louis was unusually cautious, waiting for the Californian to reveal his well-publicized "dynamic stance" and "cosmic punch." But Lou must have left them in his training camp. He did nothing but pose and occasionally paw feebly at the champion. There wasn't a solid punch thrown in those five boring rounds,

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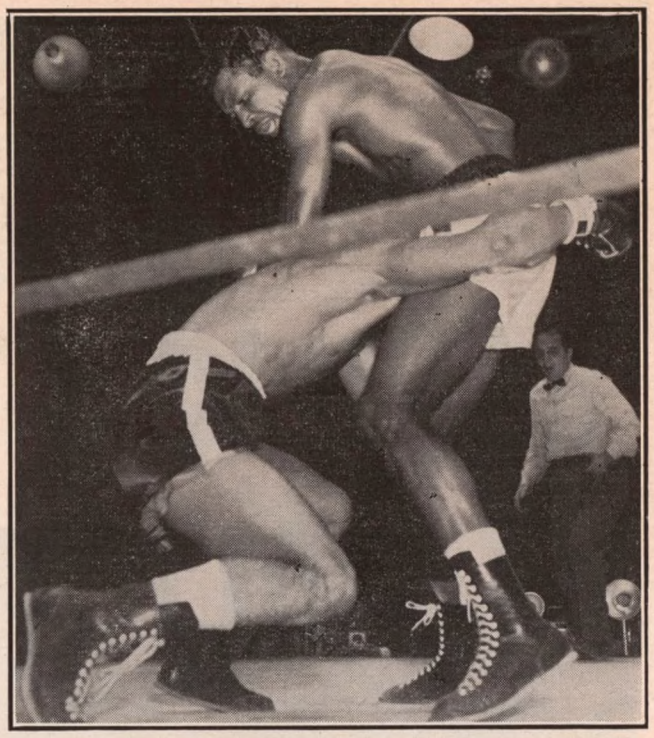
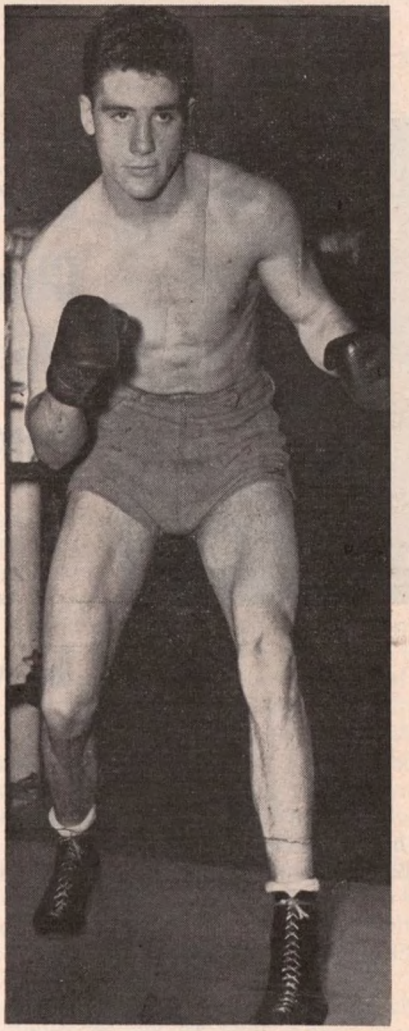


A whizzing right, thrown in desperation by a tiring, bleeding Ray Robinson, turned apparent defeat into sensational victory in return match with Randy Turpin for middleweight title.



Billy Conn, flashy Pittsburgh Kid, who spotted height, reach and 25 pounds in weight to Joe Louis and nearly knocked the mighty Brown Bomber loose from his world heavyweight championship.

BASILIO'S BUSINESS POLICY GOOD

Carmen Basilio, Middleweight Champion Of The World, Scanning Another Offer To Use His Name . . . Looks For Insurance For The Future

By MURRAY GOODMAN

THE price of fame alone is often costly. Add gold to the glory, and the path becomes laden with dangerous pitfalls. It is human nature for somebody else to say: *"I wish I had his money."*

Carmen Basilio, former welterweight champion of the world, newly-crowned king of the middleweights, is rapidly discovering that making money and achieving a permanent niche in fistic history is one thing, banking the money is another.

"Everybody wants to get into the act," declared Basilio. *"They not only want to know how much money I got but they want to count it and share it. Everybody wants to be a partner.*

"You'd be amazed at how many propositions you get for going into business. And it's funny that all these businesses need money—your money."

Carmen's first business venture, shortly after he won the welterweight title, was an unhappy gas station.

"I put one of my brothers in there," he said. *"It didn't work out so good and we gave that up. Since then, I've been a little more careful. I know I can't go on fighting forever and security is the one thing you need. What do you go into?*

"You get propositions from a peanut stand to a bowling alley. It is only in recent fights, that I started to make real good pay days. I fought too hard for that money to sink it

Basilio, holding Ring Magazine championship belt just awarded to him, talks over possible opponents with the writer—one of America's top publicity men.

into businesses I know nothing about. My wife, Kay, is smarter than I am. She has a tremendous instinct for what's good for me and what isn't. I'm grateful, too, to my co-managers, Joe Netro and Johnny DeJohn. They are my watchdogs."

All of which leads to the unusual story of how Carmen became an insurance salesman for the Prudential Insurance Company.

It seems that Chuck Davey, the college fighter, had gone to work selling insurance for the same company in his native Michigan. Ironically, it was a fight with Davey that almost led Basilio to quit the ring permanently back in 1952. Basilio thought he had won the fight and there was quite a rhubarb. They finally called it a draw. The first fight was in Syracuse. They fought again in Chicago and Basilio lost.

Carmen was discouraged and disgusted. But he made an impression on Davey that apparently Davey never forgot. He recommended Carmen, five years later, as an insurance potential.

"I received a call from a Mr. Cook, head of a Prudential agency in Syracuse," explains Carmen. *"He told me that Chuck Davey had recommended me and would I be interested. We talked about it and I didn't know the answer. They offered me a choice of two things—to be a contact man, or sub-agent, or to study and take the New York State Insurance examinations and become a full-fledged salesman.*

"My wife was delighted. This was the first time anybody offered me anything that didn't involve my money. It was something that I had to do, practically all by myself. It was a challenge. I chose to take the State exams. I studied and believe me it was tougher than training for a title fight. I figured that if I couldn't pass the test, then I didn't belong. I passed, real high and now I'm selling insurance."

Carmen is a quiet, modest man who has never let money change him. He admits that he doesn't need too much to live comfortably and that he doesn't want to corner the money market.

"The trouble with a lot of athletes," added Basilio, *"is that they start shooting for the moon. Not me. All I want out of life is comfort, something to keep me busy after I'm through fighting, and the privilege of going fishing and hunting when I feel like it. The insurance business offers me this kind of life. My time is my own. If I work at it, and I intend to, I'll make a good living. And when I get the urge, and it comes often, I'll sneak off with my gun and my rod and hunt and fish.*

"As for fighting, I'll fight as long as I feel I have a future. It may be a year or more or it may even be less. Who can tell what happens from one fight to another?

"I'm 30 years old. That's not old, really, as fighters go, but I've been fighting since 1948. Every fight, training gets a little more unpleasant. You have to do it but you don't like it so much. That's the test of a fighter. When it gets to be a job to train, you begin to feel that maybe you've had it.

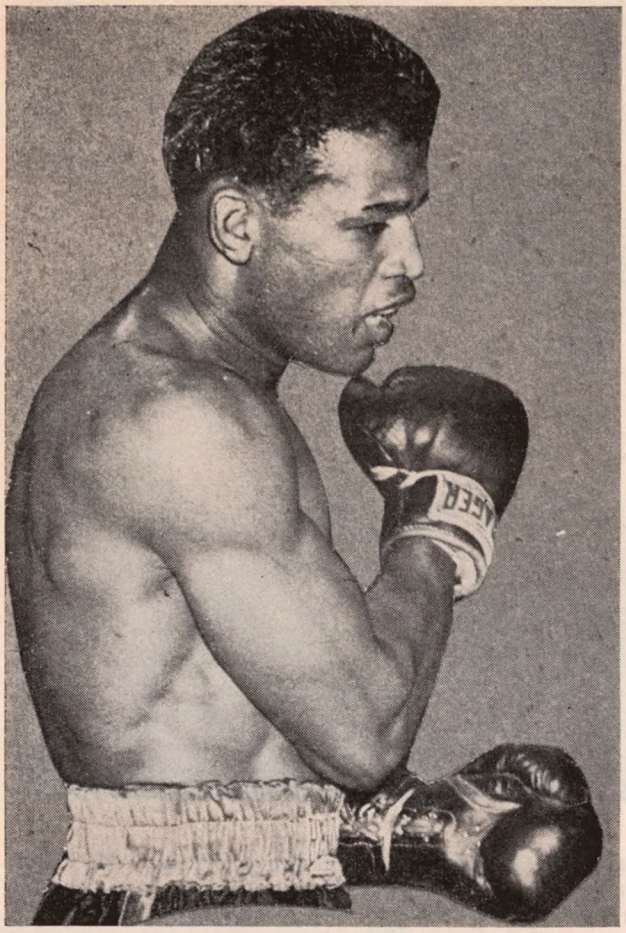
"Every fight is tough. Any fighter who tells you that some fights are easy, is not telling the truth or is under an illusion. Whether they last one round or fifteen, they're all the same. You undergo the same pressures, the grind of training, the temptations and the risks. How long can you keep on doing it? Nobody knows but you and I'd rather not wait till a horse kicks me in the head to tell me I've had it. Some fighters work for years to achieve a goal, then kick it right out the window by taking the 'one more fight.' Don't get me wrong. At this time, I have no intentions in the quitting direction."

Between fights, when he's not hunting or fishing, Carmen sticks close to home and makes countless appearances. He will never turn down youth organizations. Only recently, when he was being honored by his native town of Canastota, Basilio was almost more concerned with raising money for "Shoeshine Day" in Syracuse—a day for the underprivileged shoeshine boys. He is very active in Church affairs and it is no wonder, that when he fights, the Nuns light candles for him and pray.

Carmen feels he has found the proper insurance for his future.

WHO FIGHTS FOR FUN?

By JOHNNY SALAK



Ray Robinson, boxing's biggest money maker, is a shrewd business man who is in the game for what he can get out of it. Thirty years ago, Gene Tunney's expressed thoughts were the same.

TRADITION and the graybeards tell us that the old-time fighters, unlike those of today, fought for the fun of it. Which reminds us of the fighter of the distant past who had so many fights he died laughing.

Surely the mittmen of today don't exclusively perform for the fun of it as we are certain their counterparts of fifty, forty, thirty or twenty years ago didn't either, though there were then and there are today exceptions to the general rule. As the years roll by there is a tendency to glamorize and romanticize the past, forgetting that it was a tough and rugged sport then, and, by and large, the pros were making a buck the hard way, usually the only way they knew how.

We will admit that today's fighters are more business conscious, along with everyone else in this era of crass commercialism. And, for the most part, if they see they just haven't got it as far as the ring is concerned, out they'll go into the wide, wide world, wisely convinced that it is easier to make $5,000 a year in a factory or office than in a ring.

Boxing is a business—a big business, with large sums involved. It always has been. It always will be. No other sport pays off an athlete at the same high rate that boxing does. When a fighter engages in a fifteen round bout, the actual time being forty-five minutes of action, and gets paid off a sum of $450,000, he's working for $10,000 a minute, a pay scale hard to beat.

Joe Louis in his 1938 fight with Max Schmeling, whom he annihilated in less than a round, received $349,228 for his efforts which lasted 2 minutes, 4 seconds, or 124 seconds. Broken down, his earnings for the night were at the fabulous rate of $2,816 a second!

The biggest money makers in the ring today are Ray Robinson and Floyd Patterson and there are about thirty fighters who are in the high income tax brackets. It is the lure of this very much wanted commodity, money, which keeps the flow of men into the ranks of professional fighters a constant one, with glory, fame and fun running poor seconds. We can't think that it was any different in any other era of the sport, dating back a hundred years to the time when John Morrissey won the American heavyweight title from John C. Heenan, with the stakes at $5,000 a side, comparable, value-wise and tax-less, to a purse of probably $25,000 today.

Robinson this year, cashed in on gates of $194,645 (first Fullmer fight), $158,643 (second Fullmer bout) and $556,467 (vs. Basilio). His purses in the order of those bouts, including TV and theatre-TV revenue were $139,-050, $67,394 and $483,666, totaling $690,110.

Patterson in two title bouts, against Tommy Jackson and Pete Rademacher, drew as his share $123,859 and a guarantee of $250,000, for a total of $373,859.

Carmen Basilio, defending his welterweight title against Johnny Saxton and winning the middlweight crown from Ray Robinson, picked up purses of $40,417 and $211,629, to bring him over the quarter of a million dollar mark in earnings for the year, the exact figure amounting to $252,-046. He also picked up a few extra dollars in a non-title fight with Harold Jones in May.

After many years of fighting for coffee-and, Archie Moore several seasons back finally hit the big time and has been cagey enough to remain in the financial big brackets of the game. While none of the fights he engaged in in 1957 reached astronomical figures in receipts, Ancient Archie did all right for himself. Two fights in Germany against Hans Kalbfell and Alain Cherville, grossed $25,000 and $40,000. Then Moore took on Tony Anthony in a light heavyweight title bout, which did $60,000 at the box office and reaped $70,000 from TV, with Archie's guarantee a neat $90,000. There was $5,200 in the house when he stopped Bob Mitchell and $11,000 in the till when he trounced Eddie Cotton. He is well over the $100,000 mark for earnings.

Gene Fullmer, while being forced to take a title bout with Ray Robinson for, comparatively speaking, next to nothing still did handily for himself on the year. The two Robinson fights grossed $194,645 and $158,643, plus $100,000 each for television, with Fullmer taking down $20,802 and $67,394.

His other bouts for the year grossed $12,000 (Wilf Greaves), $24,145 (Ernie Durando), $4,689 (Tiger Jones), $20,000 (Chico Vejar) and $8,000 (Neal Rivers), the last three on national TV bringing him an additional $4,000 in earnings for each fight.

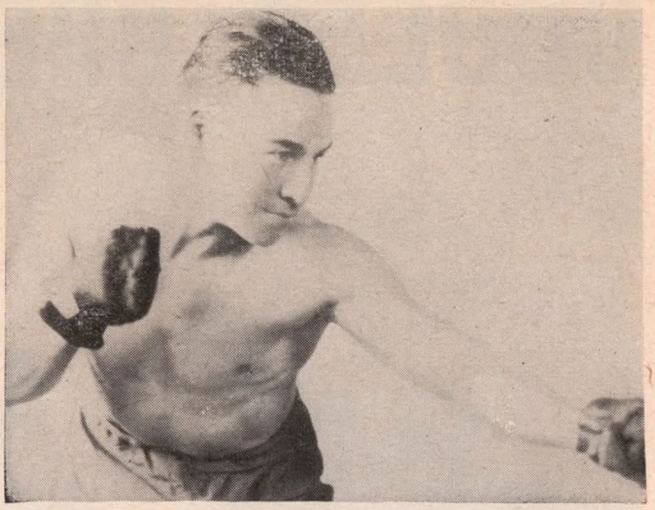
Alphonse Halimi, the world's bantamweight champion, in winning the title from Mario D'Agata and defending it against Raton Macias, saw the bouts gross $98,000 and $209,331, with Halimi receiving a guarantee of $50,000 for the Macias fight. He also did well in the two fights before winning the title, against Alfred Schweer and Alex Bollaert in Paris, and two following his victory over D'Agata, against Jimmy Carson and Chic Brogan, in London and Paris. He, too, is in the $100,000 class.

Raton Macias draws well whether fighting in Mexico or California and for the year the grosses of his fights were $30,000 (vs. Cardenas), $86,310 (vs. Ursua), $12,000 (vs. Gonzalez) and $209,331 (vs. Halimi).

Some fighters, without the benefit of huge gates draw consistently throughout the year over a series of fights and are easily in the $50,000 to $100,000 bracket. Tony DeMarco, showing against Gaspar Ortega, Larry Boardman, Walt Byars and Virgil Akins, saw the fights gross $40,546, $61,990, $38,502 and $62,608, for a total of $203,646.

Del Flanagan, fighting in St. Paul, drew houses grossing $12,326, $13,160, $27,478, $43,796, $26,227 and $20,440. His one bad gross was in Chicago against Yama Bahama, but there was the $4,000 take from TV to ease the hurt pocketbook.

Ricardo Moreno is another who racks them up, his last three fights, against Tommy Bain, Gaetano Annaloro and Jose Cotero doing business amounting to $24,050, $23,145 and $89,457.



Jimmy McLarnin feels the game has changed. "In my day, the money you made, you could keep."

Kid Gavilan, one-time world welterweight champion, during his long career has in addition to cutting in on the gross receipts of fights has picked up paychecks from the telecast of over forty of his bouts. This year, while he is not included in any of the bouts which drew big money, he has drawn well and comfortably.

Among the other top and consistent money-makers of boxing at present are heavyweights Eddie Machen, Tommy Jackson, Willie Pastrano, Roy Harris, Zora Folley and Pat McMurtry. Middlweights Rory Calhoun, Joey Giardello, Charley Humez, Spider Webb, Joey Giambra and Bobby Boyd belong in that class, one step away from the really important money. Isaac Logart, Vince Martinez, Gil Turner, Virgil Akins and Gaspar Ortega fall in that group among the welters and in the lightweight division champion Joe Brown, Duilio Loi, Kenny Lane, Ralph Dupas, Joe Lopes and Orlando Zulueta are in that category. Featherweights include champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Cherif Hamio, Ike Chestnut, Miguel Berrios (inactive now), Flash Elorde, Davey Moore, Paul Jorgensen and Jean Sneyers.

These are the men, including one or two other bantamweights and a couple of flyweights who make the big money or comfortable livings (outside the ring) in boxing.

Few if any on that list would go on fighting if they believed that they would absorb punishment without the benefits of being in the top money brackets or if they felt they had no chance to get there. They don't fight for the fun of it. It isn't particularly that they love the game.

And the same holds true for the lesser lights among the main event boys and the prelim kids. Let them know that the door to the big time is closed or closing and they'll make the wise choice and get out while the getting's good. Exceptions to the rule? Yes, as in all things. But they are a scattered few, no more and no less, than the number who continued in the face of it all in the old days. The difference then was not their continuing to fight for the love or fun of it but as a means of making a meager living, the hard way, or augmenting a skimpy salary. Today's fighters realize, quite rightly, that the opportunities are better on the "outside."

If there is a fighter in the ring today who is fighting for the fun or love of it, strangely enough, it is a man like Tommy Jackson, who possibly, given the opportunity, would fight no matter what the purse was. The oldtimers had their counterpart in Iron Man Joe Grim.

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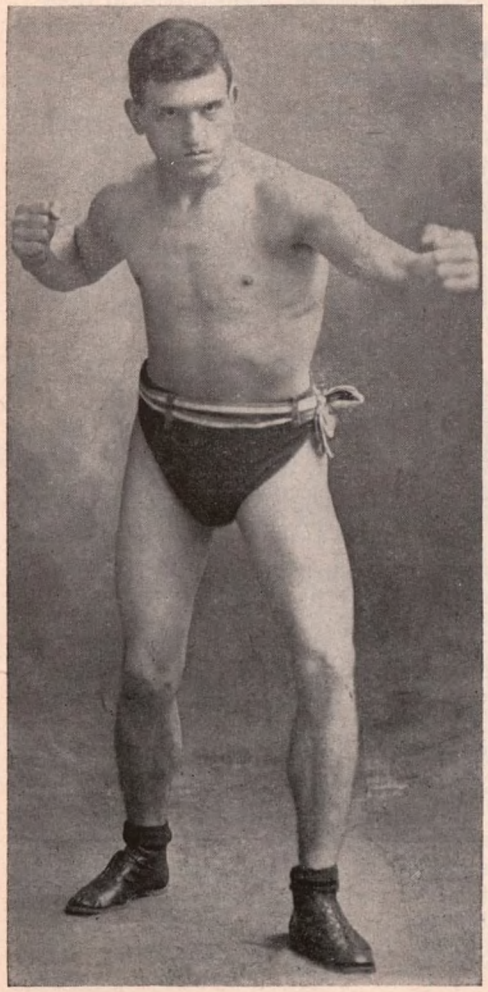
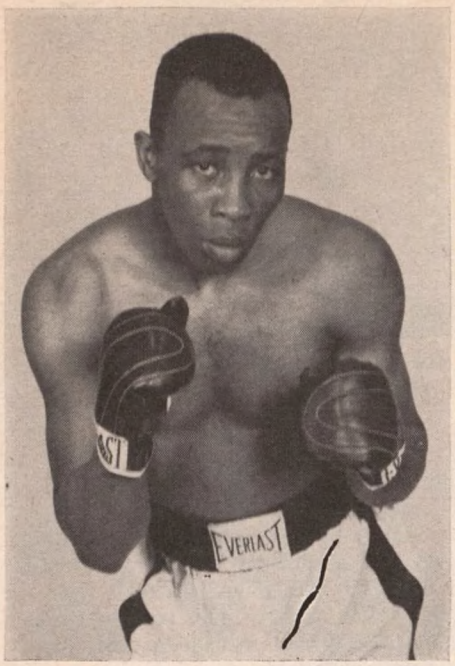


Perhaps Tommy Jackson and oldtimer Iron Man Joe Grim (left) fought for fun, the hard way, but they are exceptions to the rule.

COOLED CHESTNUT HOT AGAIN



Ike Chestnut, who since his loss to Isidro Martinez early in the year, has had five convincing wins over leading featherweights.

Cool, man, cool!

ACTION IS ASSURED WHEN CHESTNUT, THE DEAD GAME FEATHERWEIGHT WITH THE EXPLOSIVE WALLOP, ENTERS THE RING

By **FRED EISENSTADT**

THE road to success is generally rough and strewn with boobytraps. More so in the prize ring, where deadly punches make the journey hazardous. Ergo, fighters must be endowed with courage and confidence, possessed of a grim determination to face danger and sweep obstacles aside when they seek to ascend the top rung of the ladder.

Take the case of Ike Chestnut. Up to the beginning of 1957, the likable featherweight had fought his way into the select group and was rated Number 6 contender of his division in RING Magazine—a rating respected wherever there is boxing. Chestnut had gained the high ranking by beating such good ringmen as Russ Tague and Tommy Bain and scoring a knockout over the then Number 2 featherweight contender, Carmelo Costa. True, Ike lost to Cherif Hamia and Miguel Berrios and Gil Cadilli that year, but the losses were of the disputed decision variety.

Then on the evening of January 4, 1957, Ike opposed switch-hitting Isidro Martinez, featherweight champion of Panama. The bout took place in the Capital Arena, in Washington. Describing the fight, Chestnut says:

"Martinez pranced all over the ring, confusing me with his speedy, complicating style—jabbing, skipping away—pawing with his right—ducking and wheeling about—doing a lot of goofy stuff a genuine boxer seldom does. Never having met a ringman with such a cockeyed style, I had no idea how to handle him—though my trainers, Chickie Ferarra and Freddie Fierro kept telling me.

"But it was no use; like a bumble-bee, Isidro would sting me and buzz away. Losing to him made me feel downhearted, but not discouraged."

Indeed, the plucky little 126-pounder did not seclude himself to bemoan his fate. He had been turned back by a flitting unorthodox mittman: So what! It happens all the time; has happened to really great fighters.

MARTINEZ SETBACK STIRRED IKE TO HARDER TRAINING

Did a setback discourage them? No. Any boxer worth his salt settles down to harder training, to better learning his trade and becoming more determined to achieve ring glory. The easily discouraged don't belong in boxing.

And so, after a rest, Chestnut returned to the ring on March 14 of this year and, in a rematch with Cadilli, scored a victory. Then Ike triumphed over former lightweight champ Lauro Salas in Los Angeles, where Ike is a terrific drawing card.

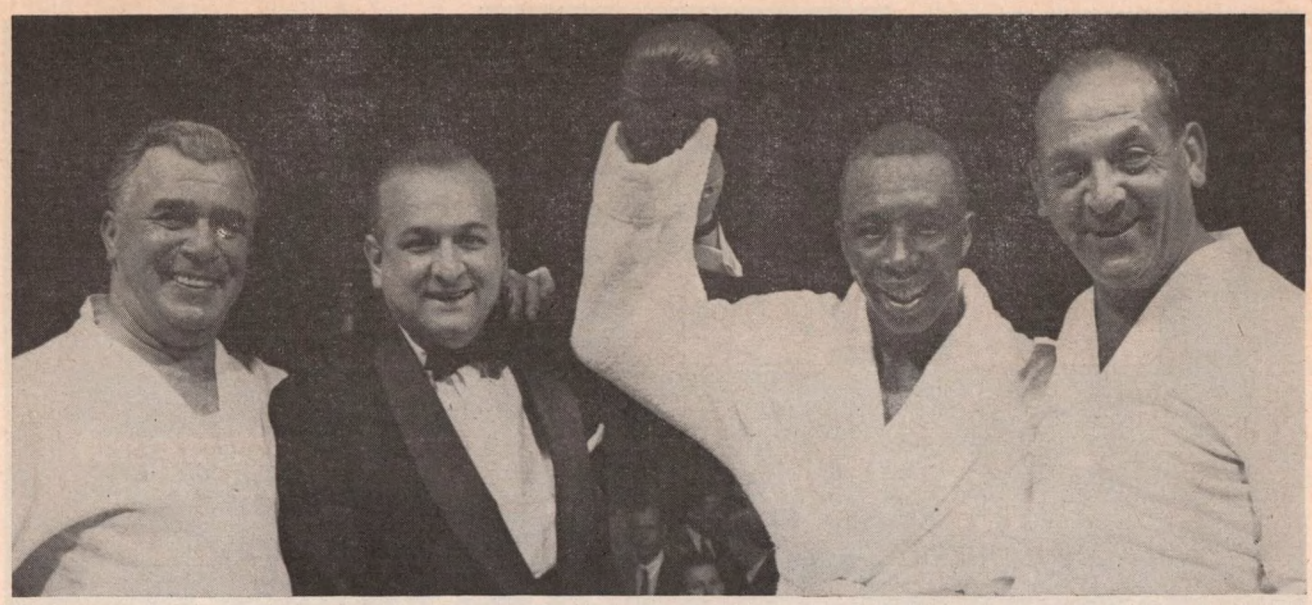
Next, in the same city, he dispatched via the KO route Kid Anahuac and Ernesto Parra. Thus, back with a bang, Chestnut gradually climbed back onto the high fistic perch from which Martinez had dislodged him—and is now ranked Number 2 contender. Ironically, the Panamanian is himself not in the ratings—because of inactivity. Issi seems to prefer resting on his dubious laurels and is gradually dropping into the limbo of the forgotten.

"Ike Chestnut is a real fighter," informs manager Hymie Wollman. "From the day I turned him pro, January 5, 1953, he fought tough ones, with never a squawk. It's a pleasure to handle a fine boy like him—a gentleman."

Ike's most profitable fight took place on September 24 at the Hollywood Legion Stadium where he trounced Jose Cotero, the lad who kayoed Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno—a sensational Mexican belter. Moreno had been making phenominal headway in the featherweight division by chilling 94 percent of his 32 opponents. For winning over Cotero, Ike received ten grand—thus far his largest purse.

Visiting his uncle Pasquale in Los Angeles, at the time of the Chestnut-Cotero bout, Vincent J. Polizzi—co-manager of Isidro Martinez—describes the contest:

"Ike boxed smartly, measuring his man and stabbing him with sharp left jabs. He kept Cotero off balance and



A sight that is becoming repetitious. Ike Chestnut, who has been winning regularly, has his hand raised after a fight by Announcer Johnny Addie (on his right). Far right of Ike is trainer Freddie Fierro, on his left, manager Hymie Wollman.

made him miss often. That's how it went round after round. The crowd of a sellout house screeched with excitement Those who liked Ike–and there were thousands of them–yelled encouragement to him in English. Cotero's followers, mostly Mexicans–and Los Angeles is full of them–rooted for Jose in Spanish. It was a good win for Chestnut."

CHESTNUT A PRODUCT OF POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, on Oct. 12, 1930, and christened Isaac, he is the oldest of three brothers and 2 sisters. "When I was two," says Ike, "my father, a pullman porter, moved the family to New York. I was an average boy, gave my parents very little concern–if any."

After attending George Washington high school for two years, Chestnut quit—at the age of 17—and went to work as a hospital orderly. A year later, at his father's insistance, Ike returned to High School and was graduated, doing so only because it was his father's wish.

"In 1946, Joe Brown, who is now the world lightweight champ," reports Chestnut, "tried to interest me in boxing. But I just didn't care for it. But later, because some of my friends had become boxers—among them Johnny Saxton, who eventually won the welterweight title, and Billy Hazel and Manny Davis—I decided to try the ring. Manny Davis, Sr., was the first to show me how to use boxing gloves. It was at the Police Athletic League, where I later took part in about twenty fights."

From 1947, until he joined the Army in 1950, Ike was employed by the Louis J. Larson Co. of New York City, as a sails cutter for yachts. During his 2-year stint in the service, Chestnut participated in 33 boxing contests, winning thirty of them. He copped the "All-Army" and "Meet The Champ" 126-pound class titles. In 1952 he won the National Golden Gloves featherweight championship.

Later, Ike became a member of the Salem Crescent A. C.

"I look back at winning Army boxing titles and amateur championships as kid stuff," declares the high ranked Chestnut. "Fighting as a pro is really serious and requires earnest preparation. I'm now after the pro featherweight title."

MUSIC, DANCING AND POOL ARE HIS HOBBIES

In 1948 he met a neighborhood girl, Katherine Nichlas. Three years later they married. The groom was 21, the bride eighteen. Within a year's time the couple were parents of a daughter, Denise. Another child soon will be born.

Music, dancing and playing pool is the boxer's form of diversion. "I also enjoy taking my family—all who can get into my 1957 Oldsmobile—for a drive in the country." Chestnut boasts of being an extra careful driver; he's been able to handle a car from the time he was fourteen.

A natty dresser, Ike owns 15 suits of clothing, around fifty shirts, twenty pairs of shoes, over a hundred fine neckties, six sports jackets, four leather jackets and three overcoats. He neither drinks, smokes or gambles.

"Andrew Woods, my wife's step-father, is a good friend of mine," says Chestnut, a Protestant who goes to church regularly. "So is Flossie, my wife's mother. We live in the same building, visit each other often and have good times together.

"By the way, I've recently bought a new home in Teaneck, N. J.—a split-level one-family 6-room house. Hymie Wollman helped me negotiate the deal.

"Speaking of Hymie—he's my friend as well as manager; grandest man I ever knew—he's like a father to me. If I had to fight under another manager, I'd just as soon quit the ring."

Chestnut lost seven of his 38 pro fights. "Though I had some real wars in the ring," declared the soft-spoken young man, "I rarely sustained any injuries—cut eyes and such. It may be that my face is tough or the fact that I'm a church goer. I'd like to say it could be because I'm a fairly capable boxer but that would not sound modest."

Ike's family, his wife's family and a vast number of friends unfailingly attend his New York ring performances. "They congratulate me when I win," he informs, "but express no regrets when I lose—and that I like."

Should you shake Ike's hand on being introduced to him, don't be surprised when you find that he's handed you a chestnut. This mild gag invariably gets a pleasant reaction.

One of Chestnut's closest friends is veteran featherweight Bobby Bell. But back on September 1, 1954, when they were matched to fight, the gamecocks put up a furious six-round battle. It ended in a draw–with their friendship unimpaired. Even when they learned that they were to fight a return bout, the pair continued to remain chummy.

"Facing each other in the ring ten days after our first scrap," Chestnut recalls, "our friendship took a half-hour

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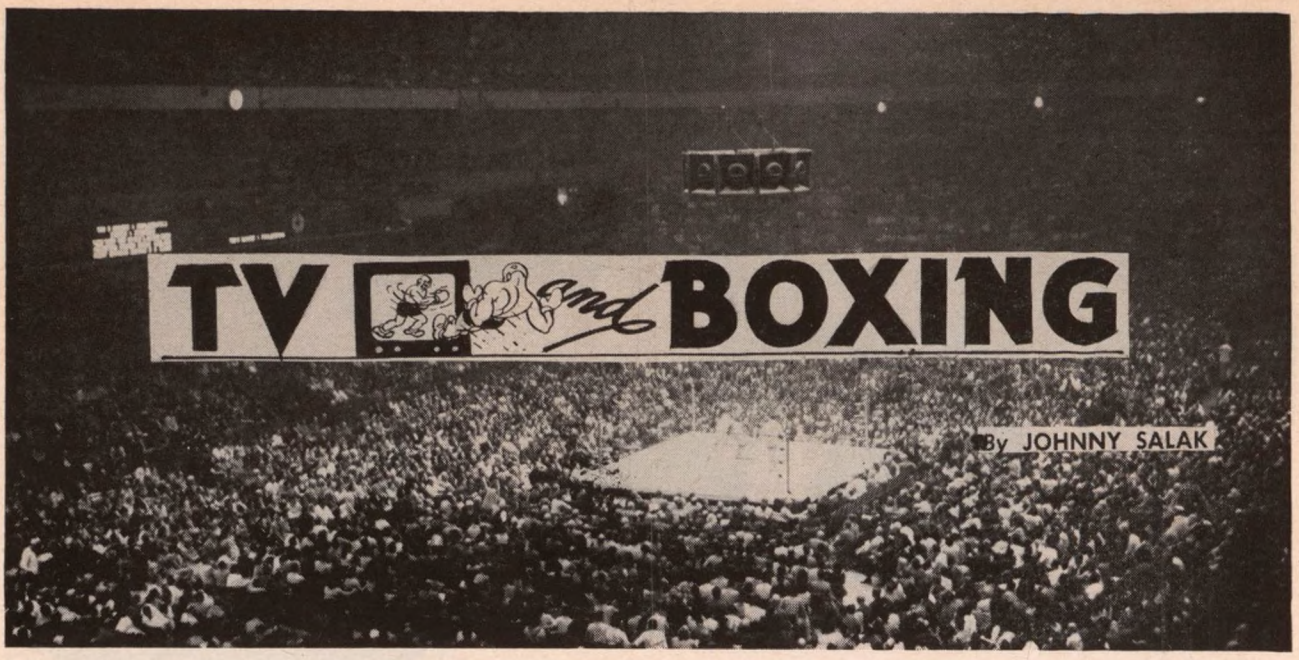

GENIAL Jack Dempsey, host at his famous Broadway restaurant in New York and as former world heavyweight champion, one of boxing's all-time greats, recently announced that he is moving his business enterprises to Chicago and would probably promote a nationwide boxing program once a week for a major television network.

George Florey, former Chicago newspaperman, will be associated with Dempsey in his business programs. Jack's business manager for more than twenty-five years, Max Waxman, passed away several months ago.

Dempsey has for some years been public relations director for the De Vry Technical Institute, an electronics training center on Chicago's northwest side. On several occasions in the past he has attempted to enter the television field as the promoter of fights, dating back to the early days of TV, but at the last moment the deal has always fallen through.

As a promoter of fights, Dempsey's experience goes back some thirty years to the Jack Sharkey-Young Stribling fight in Florida, through attempts to operate in New York with Humbert Fugazy, a short spell in the Windy City when the Chicago Coliseum opened, a crack at Reno, Nev. for a couple of twenty rounders and as a co-promoter in New York for the Louis-Baer fight.

In recent years he has sponsored novice heavyweight tournaments, notably in Canada, in an attempt to uncover some talent. These did not meet with much success.

A week previous to Dempsey's Chicago announcement, the Old Manassa Mauler, while at Portland, Me., was quoted as expressing the belief that pay-TV might "prove to be the only salvation in keeping many sports on a high level."

"Boxing in particular," he told a reporter, "is losing its dignity and it's time something is done."

Dempsey said pay-TV would provide "enough return to give fans the best type of fights and at the same time provide a certain percentage from receipts to be set aside to care for fighters in their old age."

Florey, who was with Dempsey at this time, was quoted as saying that within six months Jack would head an organization sponsoring weekly nationally televised boxing programs in competition with the International Boxing Club.

TV BOXING

MONDAY

ST. NICHOLAS ARENA, New York (DuMont TV Network), Chris Schenkel, Announcer.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS, emanating from various cities (ABC-TV Network), Jack Drees, Announcer.

FRIDAY

† **CAVALCADE OF SPORTS,** Madison Square Garden, New York, and other cities (NBC-TV Network), Jimmy Powers, Announcer.

† Also heard over NBC Radio Network, Don Dunphy, Announcer.

THE QUIZ BIZ

The quiz biz hits sports again with veteran sportscaster Guy LeBow's new television program, "Beat the Champions," viewed nightly over WOR-TV (New York).

The midnight to 12:30 a.m. sports film quiz, which began on Monday, November 11, gives the traditionally statistic-steeped American sports fan a chance to win prizes by answering sports questions. Said fan is the guy who can't balance his wife's check book (and who can?) but CAN figure out a batting average before you can say going, Going, GONE! (and who can't?).

LeBow (whose first name rhymes with hi, not he) is host and quiz master for the show seen seven nights a week. He will make four or five telephone calls per night, each with a different question posed by leading sports stars and editors. The calls are made to viewers who have submitted their name and 'phone number by post card.

The program incorporates scenes from famous sporting events—from football to water skiing, from kiddie boxing to channel (9 in New York) swimming, from title fights to world series. There will be scenes of famous athletes in action and on the side lines.

LeBow was the first TV announcer to do a sports quiz show on television, in 1947, and he has done at least one sports quiz series every season since.

Many thrilling and historic sports events have been captured on film through the years, such as the fabulous home run hit by Bobby Thomson; Willie Mays' fantastic catch in Cleve-

land; Jesse Owens' incredible feat at the Berlin Olympics; and famous fights in the ferocious style of the Zale-Graziano affairs.

These and many others will be shown. LeBow will then pose pertinent questions to the viewers and correct answers will win prizes.

Likeable LeBow has been on the sports scene for a long and varied—and successful—career. His entry into big time sportscasting was in 1944 when he was assigned by the New England State Network, which had brought him in from New Orleans, to handle the blow by blow broadcasts of weekly boxing matches.

One evening one of the principals was Joe LaMotta, younger brother of Jake LaMotta who was to go on to win the world middleweight title. That night Jake listened to the broadcast and liked what he heard. After the broadcast he called LeBow and offered him a job as the blow by blow announcer in a new arena he contemplated building in New York.

Soon after LeBow debuted from LaMotta's Jerome Stadium via WMGM (New York). He was well received by New York sports fans and station officials.

LeBow was then rewarded with a three contract by WMGM, establishing him as the play by play broadcaster of the New York Rangers' hockey games from Madison Square Garden and major college and professional basketball games. He also had a nightly sports report program. In 1946 and 1947, LeBow was voted one of the top ten boxing announcers in America.

Late in 1946 his success drew a boxing and wrestling contract from the DuMont Television Network. In 1947 he was appointed the New York Yankees baseball telecaster by DuMont and during that season was named as the outstanding baseball telecaster.

The high point in his career came in 1947 when he was chosen for the television assignment on the World Series. LeBow continued to do the Yankee games in 1948 and during that period he also covered many varied sports and special events shows for DuMont.

In 1948 WPIX-TV (New York) announced him as being the first contracted commentator simultaneously with the opening of their station. His wrestling shows consistently placed among the top ten rated shows emanating from New York. Ultimately, in 1951, TV Guide named him America's No. 1 wrestling announcer. Along with the mat game, LeBow was doing outstanding work in the telecasts of ice hockey, major college football and National Football League pro games, basketball, horse racing, boxing, track and field and other sports shows.

A keen analyst of all sports, his knowledge and technique in sportscasting via television were readily admitted and accepted by fans, players, officials and fellow broadcasters.

Guy LeBow, veteran sportscaster who has a new sports quiz program nightly over WOR-TV (New York).

Subsequently, he wrote two books, "The Wrestling Scene" and "The Hockey Scene," text fan books which achieved a sale of 350,000 copies.

Over the last few seasons, LeBow has had a number of programs for all the big television networks, including Call The Play, a sports quiz, for CBS-TV; Championship Bowling, for NBC-TV; and Football Preview, for ABC-TV.

An easterner by birth, a southern boy by rearing, Guy attended New York University and is a former athlete. His current hobby interests are handball, archery, American history and archeology. His deep interest in human events has led him to be named New York Sports Chairman for the March of Dimes six times.

LeBow has the finest recommendation of all—being honored by members of his own craft. On four different occasions he has been elected to high office in the Sports Broadcasters Association.

SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT

We like the three fellows who do the Monday, Wednesday and Friday (Schenkel, Drees and Powers) night TV shows. Nice guys, all. But why do they insist on giving us colored TV when most of us are content with the plain and simple, black-and-white, let's-see-it-ourselves variety. Their accounts of the bouts invariably seem so colored that often they find themselves so far out on a limb that the back-tracking, too late, resembles a mad scramble, like a fighter in the last round who realizes the decision is going against him and tries in desperation for a knockout.

We won't be so unkind as to say that they don't know the business (all three have been around long enough to know better) but surely falling into the habit of slanting your opinion because you might feel that one of the fighters is better and is going to win, so that your "coverage" sounds authentic and authoritative, is poor reporting. We assume that these men consider themselves "reporting" the fight. Coloring the action, whereby you minimize the efforts of one and laud the every move of the other can make you look good sometimes. But when it backfires the public loses patience and faith. While this condition has not been limited to any one broadcaster on any one night, the flagrant abuse was most notable during the Halimi-Macias title bout.

BANTAM BANTER

The next time anyone asks you whatever happened to the bantamweights refer them to the world title bout seen over the ABC-TV network on November 6, when Alphonse Halimi defeated Raton Macias over fifteen rounds.

It was the first time a world championship in that division was televised and it was a dilly. We in America knew of Macias' ability and the line on Halimi was only hearsay. But the French-Algerian, to the dismay of a large population of Mexicans at Wrigley Field, Los Angeles that night, proved himself to be a better than capable fighter who knew his business.

Perhaps it wasn't a thrilling fight in the sense of blood and thunder, but the manner in which Halimi took the steam out of his hard punching opponent with body blows early in the fight, to leave him willing and unable, and then waltzed through the last five stanzas while Macias had nothing left was a sight to behold. He fought the way the book should have been written.

The fight grossed $209,331 with the telecast blacked out for a radius of 300 miles of Los Angeles (San Luis Obispo-Fresno, Calif. to Yuma, Ariz., and none in Mexico). It was reported that the TV rights went for $60,000. There was no radio broadcast of the fight in the United States but a 90-station network in Mexico carried the bout. More than 40 Mexican movie cameramen had been sent to California to film the fight, one crew taking color movies.

That is was a "hot" fight for California, bordering Macias' native Mexico, is conceded. But what made the fight, gatewise was the black out imposed for a 300 mile radius of the Stadium. This department has long advocated the blacking out of the area in which a fight is being staged as the only means for the sport to survive and thrive while living compatibly with television.

The scene that heads this feature is

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Al Neff, chairman of the International amateur boxing tournament held in Seattle, Wash., presents diamond belt to Heavyweight Champion John Stewart, of the Far East Air Force. On his left is coach and Officer in Charge Lt. Tommie Shimabuku and on Stewart's right is manager Dennis Dagen.

Henry Armstrong, former triple champion, was one of the referees in the International Diamond Belt tournament.

RECENTLY the International Diamond Belt Boxing Tournament was held at Seattle, Wash., and was co-sponsored by the Seattle and Tacoma Athletic Commissions, and organizations of sportsminded business and professional men of the two cities. The tourney culminates an ambition and dream of General Chairman Al Neff.

Neff has been working on the affair for the past three years and it wasn't his fault that every nation on the map, Iron Curtain and all, weren't represented. Al waded through diplomatic circles, world wide amateur boxing organizations and high government groups in his efforts to land a globular batch of entries.

As it was, the tournament wound up with Nationalist China, Japan, Okinawa, Hawaii, Mexico, Cuba, Canada, Columbia, the United States Far-East Air Force and United States AAU simon pures in the star studded lists.

Among the invading entries there were to be found boxers who represented their homeland in the recent Olympic Games, former AAU champions, 1957 National amateur champions of the U. S., many service kingpins and all the team champions of their respective land.

Jimmy McLarnin, 49, who runs a metal-plating outfit in Los Angeles and dabbles in petroleum in British Columbia's Peace River country, was an interested spectator.

McLarnin is the same fighter who persisted in swapping the welterweight boxing championship of the world back and forth with Barney Ross during the 1930's.

Jimmy's a jovial, business-man type now, with three daughters, one out of high school, and a son, James Joseph, 4.

"I will discourage the boy," said Jimmy, *"if he shows any tendency toward professional boxing. It's a different game today. In my day, the money you made, you could keep."*

Four rows back was Henry Jackson, 44, a Los Angeles evangelist and youth worker. He boxed once, too, as Honey Melody. Then he called himself Henry Armstrong and won the world featherweight, welterweight and lightweight championships, in that disorganized order, then boxed a draw with the middleweight champ, Ceferino Garcia.

"Now", said Henry, *"the competition is bad. The sport doesn't have the public respect it used to have. The boxers, they're just weaker. The boys don't have the stamina and vitality of 20 years ago. It's because of the food we consume today.*

"The way we cook now, we burn out all the vitamins. We've got to keep reaching for those food supplements. I used to fill up on apples and oranges and peas. They gave me strength.

"My mother used to cook me hotcakes in the earth. That was strong food. It's the eating that has diminished the power and stamina of the young men today."

Armstrong and McLarnin acted as referees at this tournament.

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

Some of the boys who won bouts and went on to the championships:

Heavyweights—John Stewart, FEAF (St. Louis) decisioned Charles Johnson, stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Light heavyweights—(178 pounds) Bill Johnson, FEAF, (Jackson, Tenn.), defeated Frank Farr, Olympia, TKO in 2:10 of first round; Jim Robertson, Seattle, decisioned Gil Dowling, Ft. Lewis.

Middleweight (165) Alex Ford, Youngstown, Ohio, defeated Rufus Mitchell, Ft. Lewis, TKO in 2:05 of second.

Light middleweight (156) Terry Smith, Seattle, defeated Dean Harrison, FEAF, Aberdeen, TKO in 2:00 of second.

Welterweight (147) Fred Ward, Seattle, defeated Herb LeSeur, Portland, TKO in 0:55 in third; Don Hullinger,

Lima, Ohio, decisioned Bill Maddox, Spokane.

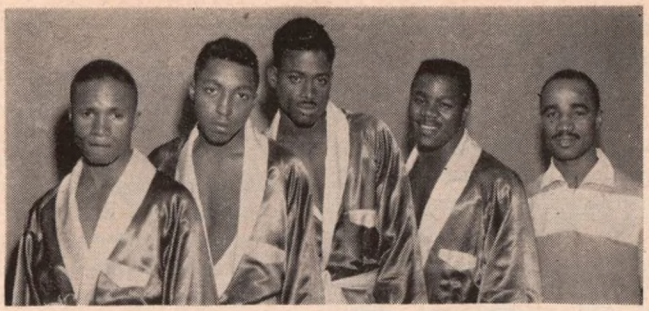
Light welterweight (139) Jerry Wright, FEAF, Clinton, Ind., defeated Bob Beglau, Bremerton Navy Yard, TKO in 2:55 second.

Lightweights (132) Don Johnson, Ft. Lewis, decisioned John Howell, FEAF, Decatur, Ill.

Featherweight (125) Quincy Daniels, Seattle, decisioned Ruben Pizarro, New York.

Flyweight (112) Clyde Williams, Portland, Oreg., decisioned Tony Adame, Gilroy, Calif.; Donnie Adamson, FEAF, Indianapolis, decisioned Williams.

Winners of the above bouts represented the U. S. against all the foreign champions.



The Fort Lewis (Wash.) Army boxing team. L. to R. are lightweight Don Johnson; middleweight Rufus Mitchell; light heavyweight Dowling Culberto; heavyweight Charles Johnson; and coach Juan Curet-Alvarez.

The Canadian Army boxing champions who participated in the international tourney at Seattle. L. to R. are Tommie Chesson, Les Mason, Alf Noel, Lindy Lindmoser and (kneeling) coach Terry Weatherall.

MEXICO CITY HOSTS 1958 GAMES

Mexico City will stage the second international amateur-boxing tournament in 1958, it was announced.

Mexico was among the ten countries which had teams in Seattle for the first staging of the international meet earlier this year.

The south-of-the-border delegation, headed by Ramon G. Velazquez, was so taken with the tournament it started the wheels turning for the 1958 meet as soon as they returned home.

Velazquez, coach of the Mexican team and a member of Mexico's most prominent sports club, the Club Deportivo Hacienda, informed Al Neff that arrangements to hold the tourney had already started. Neff, Seattle businessman, was general chairman for the first tourney.

Amateur boxing interest in the Latin-American countries is so high, said Velazquez, that tourney sponsors figure to draw 100,000 fans in the three or four day meet.

All the countries which had teams here, including the United States, will be invited, said Velazquez, plus many others.

The Seattle group which promoted the recent tournament plans to do it again during this city's (Seattle) projected World's Fair in 1960 or 1961.

KEEPING POSTED

Edward J. Walsh, BMC . . . writes that he is back on sea duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga (CVA60) and is coaching a boxing team and manages to stage a few smokers. Eddie also manages professional fighters when he isn't at sea. His home is 409 E. Curtis Ave., Orange, Texas.

Another letter is from Joe Eappe, Shreveport, La., informing the writer about a young service fighter, Paul Estrada, who is training at his gym. He is a Puerto Rican bantamweight fighting out of Barksdale Air Force Base, at Shreveport, La. Estrada has a well balanced amateur record. Out of 17 bouts, he has lost 3 and has 8 kayoes included in his record.

Paul has turned pro and to date has confined his activity to Texas with little success.

SERVICE CROWNS RULED OUT

With the exception of competition in golf, tennis and boxing to determine a representative in interservice tournaments, All-Army championships in other sports have been discontinued.

In announcing this major policy change in its world-wide sports program, the Department of the Army stated that primary emphasis should be placed on intermural sports.

The effect, the Army said, would be to increase the emphasis on less professional-like sports activities and to give all personnel a chance to compete and participate at the lowest practicable level.

In addition to the interservice championships in golf, tennis and boxing, outstanding Army athletes will still represent the U. S. in international competition.

This policy change does not hinder the establishment of post teams or command competition. Under the new plan, major commands will furnish outstanding athletes in various sports for participation in concentrated training programs at special training sites.

These athletes will represent the Army in interservice competition and in trials for the selection of U. S. teams in international competition.

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HOME OF THE BRAVE

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dleweight championship with Ceferino Garcia.

The reports from the Coast indicated that if anything, Henry had an edge, but under the rules Garcia had retained the title, at the time recognized only by New York and California. Would the man who was featherweight, lightweight and welterweight champion simultaneously, like to try again?

"*I don't think so,*" answered Armstrong. "*Garcia is so big. He hits so hard.*"

Although Robinson made a bid for the light-heavyweight crown against the light hitting Joey Maxim, only to be defeated by the heat, there were times, when he was at his peak, that it was suggested he try for the heavyweight crown. This was when Ezzard Charles was heavyweight champion, and George Gainford, Sugar's large manager, was among those advocating the fight.

"*Me fight the heavyweight champion?*" said middleweight Robinson. "*You fight him George.*"

Big George is not a fighter, but the match, had it been made, would have been interesting. At least Robinson would have enjoyed a Gainford-Charles battle.

Two middleweight champions, Bob Fitzsimmons and Stanley Ketchel, did fight for the heavyweight crown. Fitz was a winner, knocking out James J. Corbett, but, actually, there wasn't much difference in the respective weights of the rivals. Ketchel, however, wasn't so fortunate. He conceded entirely too much height, reach and weight to one of the ring's great champions, Jack Johnson. Stanley was flattened in the 12th round.

Fitzsimmons was the first fighter to win three world titles. The third was the then newly-created light-heavyweight. Bob didn't hold them all at the same time, however. He gave up the middleweight before he won the heavyweight, and after losing the heavyweight he went after the light-heavyweight.

Henry Armstrong earned the distinction of being the only fighter to hold three titles simultaneously. Within one spectacular year Henry annexed the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns. The "Armstrong law," enacted a few years ago, prevents a recurrence of Henry's amazing feat. The rule, put into the books because the various boxing commissions felt that Armstrong had stifled two classes by holding three titles, stipulates that when a champion of one division wins a championship in a heavier class, he must relinquish the lighter crown. This rule applied when Carmen Basilio, welterweight champion, recently won the middleweight laurels from Robinson.

The 150-pound Basilio is a little man as middleweights go. He would have preferred, or at least he toyed with the idea, of giving up his middleweight honors and retaining the welterweight championship. Both the New York Commission and the National Boxing Association, functioning under the Armstrong law, promptly declared the welterweight throne vacant, and at the same time proclaimed Basilio king of the middleweights.

No colder, nor more confident challenger ever went into battle than the Billy Conn who attempted to win the heavyweight championship from Joe Louis. This was their first fight, and Billy had been forced to relinquish the light-heavyweight title so he could fight Louis. The rule has been altered since, allowing the lighter champion to keep his title if he doesn't win the bigger one.

This made no difference to carefree Conn. He had laughed through a series of furious battles with Fred Apostoli, Melio Bettina and Gus Lesnevich. He laughed at Louis for twelve rounds. Then, leading on points, the Pittsburgh Kid decided he could knock out the champion. This was what Louis had been waiting for. He countered with a right, and Conn went down. He never heard the referee count 10.

"*What's the use of being Irish if you can't lose your head,*" wisecracked Conn in the dressing room. This was the old guard speaking, the fighter, who neither asked for, expected, or gave quarter.

Four years later, after both had served four years in the Army, Conn and Louis fought again. It would have been better for Billy's memory if he had not tried a second time. Billy relied on speed, and four years of war had robbed him of his one great asset. Louis retained his punch, although he was never the fighter he was prior to World War II. Billy was a sitting duck waiting to be killed. Louis ended it in the eighth.

There have been few more startling upsets than the 12th round knockout Max Schmeling scored over Louis, but Bomber Joe could take the bitter with the sweet. Asked afterwards if he was going to view the motion pictures of the fight, Louis replied: "*I seen the fight.*"

SHARKEY CALLED THE TURN ON JOE LOUIS

It was against Louis that Jack Sharkey made his last stand. For Joe it was a step back on the road following his defeat by Schmeling. For Jack it was one for the money, a last fling before retirement. The Sharkey left puzzled Louis for a round, but soon the blood was following from old wounds on the Boston Gob's face. Louis scored the knockout in the third.

"*How good is Louis? Good enough to beat me tonight,*" said Sharkey in the dressing room after the fight. "*Louis is 22 years old, and I'm going on 34. I wonder how good Louis will be when he's 34. How good will he be 12 years from now?*"

Here again the old guard was talking, confiding nothing. When Louis was 34, he retired as heavyweight champion after knocking out Jersey Joe Walcott. He came back two years later to be defeated by Ezzard Charles, and he was 37 when Rocky Marciano knocked him out.

Gene Tunney suffered only one defeat, taking a terrific beating from Harry Greb in the first of their five fights. His nose was broken in the first round, and bled from various cuts throughout the fight, and yet finished on his feet. Oddly enough this setback convinced Gene he could win the world heavyweight championship.

"*Greb couldn't knock me out, although he had me helpless,*" said Tunney in asking for another fight. He hadn't asked for quarter, and he was going to fight on. The Old guard didn't know what it was to surrender. Even in defeat the oldtimers had their moments.

COOLED CHESTNUT HOT AGAIN

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leave of absence. The gong turned us into strangers, each grimly set to eliminate the other. Both of us were out for the same purpose, to use the other as a stepping-stone to reach the top. Bobby and I fought hard and with no ill-feeling. But we did engage in a furious battle. This may sound sort of goofy to those without ring experience, but friends often can—and do—fight furiously and even inflict physical damage, but they battle objectively, with no bad feeling at heart.

"In this return six-rounder, with Bell getting the duke, our ring rivalry faded and our friendship returned—warm as ever," smiles Chestnut, showing white even teeth. "Whenever I'm in Stillman's Gym, training for a fight, Bobby helps me by acting as my sparring partner. I do the same for him when he is preparing for a ring engagement."

It is safe to state that of the pair, Ike stands a fine chance to win the 126-pound title. The fistic chimes of Bell having dulled considerably with the tolling of twelve hard years in the ring, while Ike is still progressing.

Indeed Ike is a hot Chestnut today, fighting at his best.

Cooled Chestnut is hot again.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Eric Moolman

AT THE RAND STADIUM, JOHANNESBURG, MIKE HOLT survived a first round knockdown to fight back and beat Tommy du Preez on a TKO in the sixth round to retain the South African Lightheavyweight title. It was a thrilling fight.

Holt recovered in the rest between rounds and put du Preez down early in the second round for a count of nine. Du Preez went down again later in the round for no count and his nose was bleeding when he went back to his corner and from then on Holt took command.

Early in the sixth round Holt connected with some heavy punches and knocked du Preez through the ropes for a count of nine with a right to the jaw. Holt swarmed to the attack and sent du Preez down flat on his face. Although he staggered to his feet at the count of nine he was obviously in a bad way and Referee Wilf Lubbe had no hesitation in stopping the bout.

Graham van der Walt retained his national Featherweight title when he TKO'd Pat van Biljon in the twelfth round.

Welterweight (4 rounds) Jimmy Taylor KO'd Carel Stols in 2nd. Welterweight (4 rounds) Jannie Botes TKO'd Joe Comacho in 1st. Lightweight (4 rounds) Eric Thompson TKO'd Annibal Angelo in 2nd. Featherweight (4 rounds) Charlie Els outpointed Steve Evenwell. Heavyweight (4 rounds) Lou Strydom, former S. A. Champion, KO'd George Richter in the 3rd round.

▶At the Agricultural Showground, Pearl, Mike Holt gained a close points decision over Arthur Howard (Britain) in a hard ten round bout before a crowd of 8000. Howard dropped Holt for a count of two in the second round and for a count of eight in the fifth. Holt turned in a storming finish to win the last four rounds and a split decision.

On the same bill, Graham van der Walt retained his national Featherweight title when he KO'd Mickey Ravell in the 2nd

▶One of this country's greatest punchers in the early 20's, Lour Monrile, died recently in Durban at the age of 55.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By Fred Bishop

HALIFAX FORUM:—JERRY FRASER, 156, BRIDGEWATER, N. S., was awarded a 10 round, unanimous decision, over rugged YVON TURENNE, 155, Montreal. The fight was a tame affair, as Turenne did almost all the leading and Fraser, usually a tiger, was content to hold and counter. Fraser did score the only knockdown of the fight late in the sixth round. One judge, Tony O'Sullivan, voted 6-3-1, Judge Spencer Ball saw it 4-3-3 and Referee Jack Delaney had 5-3-2.

Southpaw Bernie Stone, 148, Halifax, scored a 3 round T.K.O. over Tiger Ray Steele, 146, Charlottetown, in a tough rugged slug-fest.

Ray MacNeil, 128, Sydney, N. S., put up a good defense and lasted 6 rounds against top Canadian featherweight, Buddy Daye, but Buddy had too many guns and took the nod. Ray fights out of the Johnnie Nemis stable.

Elroy Sparks, 138, Cherry Brook, N. S., outpointed George Munroe, 131, Halifax, in four.

▶Moncton, N. B.:—Norm Gautreau, 145, Moncton, N. B., outpointed Kieth Paris, 146, Halifax, over 10 rounds. Gautreau was making his first defense of his newly won welter crown, taken from Paris last month. Both boys stood toe to toe and put on a real slugfest throughout the match. Judge Dane Crosby saw it Gautreau, 5-4-2, Judge Jack MacMellon had it all even at 4-4-2 and Judge Jack Brodie scored it Gautreau 5-3-2.

In a well fought semi-final Nick Kovac, 156, Moncton and formerly of Hungary, outroughed rugged Bobby Leadley, 162, Dartmouth, N. S., and got the nod in six.

Bob Speight, 143, Saint John, N. B., won unanimous over Len Belliveau, 137, Memramcook, in the opening six. Norm Cornier, 139, Moncton, scored a second round T.K.O. over Billy Basco, 149, Moncton.

▶Stellarton, N. S.:—Canadian lightweight champion, Dick Howard, settled his crown tightly on his swarthy brows by virtue of his surprising 12 round decision over smoothie Jackie Hayden, 133, Westville, N. S. This was science against brawling and brawling won. Hayden surprised even himself as he forced Hayden to cover up and carried the fight throughout.

Hayden's best round was the ninth. Wading in fearlessly he scored repeated sharp combination punches to head and body. Judge Chris Shaban scored Howard 6-3-3, Harry Poulton, Howard, 5-4-3 and also for Dick was Gussie MacLennan, 7-3-2.

Rebounding from his surprise T.K.O. to Bernie Stone in Halifax, rough tough Roy Steele, 149, Charlottetown, gave top Canadian middleweight, Doug Odo, 157, Thorburn, N. S., a rare beating. Odo made things interesting for the first three rounds but wilted. Steele was awarded a split decision.

Len Sparks, 142, Halifax, lost his first in six starts to Al MacKay, 143, Stellarton.

▶Roy Ward, one of Eastern Canada's top welterweights throughout the 1930's passed away after his car left the road as he returned from a hunting trip Oct. 25.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

OCTOBER WAS QUITE A MONTH FOR THE GERMAN prospects. Both Erich Schoppner and Hans Werner "Buttje" Wohlers could claim the title "Fighter of the Month" for their brilliant performances over experienced opponents. 25 years old, Schoppner, with only eighteen starts in the paid ranks, clearly outpointed European cruiser champion, Artemio Calzavara, the Italian who had dethroned German Gerhard Hecht last July.

Calzavara's points win over Hecht in Milan was disputed, but Schoppner's victory was no "Home Town" decision. He had plenty to spare in the 10 rounder.

Hans Werner "Buttje" Wohlers, the 24 year old Hamburger, one of Germany's best boxers, stopped ex-middle champion Peter Mueller, in just 55 seconds in a final eliminator in Hamburg. Wohlers had only twenty professional fights to offer against veteran Mueller's 118.

▶Frankfort. — Crowd 10,000. Promoter — Joachim Gottert.—Erich Schoppner (Witten) won over Artemio Calzavara (Italy), 10. Hans Friedrich (Dortmund) lost to Heinz Neuhaus (Dortmund), 10; in a final eliminator for a chance at the heavy title. Cruiser Manfred Schneider (Frankfort) outscored Albert Duscha (Herne) over six rounds. Heavy Ulli Ritter (Essen) won over Ossi Buttner (Frankfort), 6. Cruiser Uwe Janssen (Hamburg), southpaw, was outpointed by the Italian, Rocco Mazzola (Italy), 6. Middle Erich Walter (Hamburg) won over Giancarlo Brusa (Italy), 6.

▶Stuttgart—KO matador, Max Resch (Hamburg), put Manola Correa (Spain), to the canvas on two occasions, but still had to be content with a points win over the ten rounds.

Manfred Hass (Misburg) middle, won over Francesco Frances (Spain), 6. Eugene Cifuentes (Spain) was stopped by Helmut Mistol (Hamburg) in 3. In a middle contest, Helmut Hoehmann (Stuttgart) drew with Tommy Baars Holland, 6. Gerhard Moll (Braunschweg) lost to Allois Brand (Oberhausen), 4. Middle Cruiser, Horst Niche (Berlin), drew with Hans Ducree (Essen), 6.

Promoter Willi Knorzer. Crowd 4000.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND
By Dave Cameron

BEFORE A PACKED HOUSE AT LOWER HUTT Barry Brown, N. Z. middle champ, T.K.O.'d Tuna Scanlon in the 4th round. Scanlon had built up quite a record as a K.O. artist and in the 1st round sent Brown to the canvas twice. Brown was also down in the 3rd but towards the end of the 3rd he had Scanlon in trouble and then in the 4th Scanlon was counted out.

▶Young Australian feather Brian Bennett put up a great showing in Wellington to easily defeat N. Z. champ Billie Leckie.

▶At Auckland Jack O'Leary was knocked cold by Islander Johnny Iefata in 3 rounds.

▶Another Australian boy, Johnny Cooper, K.O.'d Ulf Christiansen in 3 at Christchurch. Ulf has since announced his retirement from the fight game.

▶New Zealand heavy champ Roy Stevens handed out the first defeat in this country to Johnny Iefata in a bout at Auckland.

▶Billy Leckie beat the Australian Steve Nittles in a very close bout at Christchurch.

▶Barry Brown maintained his unbeaten record in N. Z. when he T.K.O.'d Australian Clive French in an exciting bout at Palmerston North. Brown's record is now 25 fights, 23 wins and two losses (when he was in Australia to Freddie Dawson and George Barnes).

▶At Christchurch Nino Squdrico beat Joe McNally on points.

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

ALTHOUGH they had to content themselves with viewing the proceedings on television sets, it's been quite a spell since local veterans of this rugged trade have enjoyed a fight as much as they did the recent world bantamweight title affair between Alphonse Halimi and Raul Raton Macia in Los Angeles.

Newspaperman and radio commentator Sam Taub, who has been observing ring activities since the turn of the century, summed up in one choice sentence the general verdict of such other old-timers as Joe Woodman, Charley Rose, Jimmy Bronson and Jack (Doc) Moore:

"In this age of unskilled labor, it was a real treat to see a couple of competent mechanics in action."

It was, indeed. Here were two little guys who knew what they were doing. There was no awkward fumbling, no clumsy mauling, no butting or aimless swinging. As a matter of fact, there was hardly a clinch in the entire fifteen rounds, despite the gruelling pace the rivals maintained throughout the fight.

"Class" has become something of a lost element in the prize ring in recent years, but a pleasantly surprising load of it was scattered all over the premises in the Angelenos' Wrigley Field as Halimi and Macias battled to settle the rightful ownership of the disputed world bantam title. Few fights in this last decade have crowded as much fine boxing, snappy punching, rugged infighting and sustained action as these little gamecocks unloaded in those fifteen entertaining rounds.

WEE 'UNS EXTINCT HERE

It is unfortunate that the wee 'uns, bantams and flyweights, have practically vanished from the American fight scene. In recent years, the world titles in the two divisions have been bouncing all over the map. The last two flyweight champions have been a Japanese and an Argentino. The bantam laurels have shifted from South Africa to Australia to France to Italy and back to France.

We Yanks have become strictly onlookers now, yet it doesn't seem so long ago that we dominated the two classes with some of the finest performers the ring has ever produced. We not only had quality but quantity. There was hardly a town or village in the nation that didn't boast at least one good bantam or flyweight, and promoters never had much difficulty lining up attractive cards with the little guys. Through the years the mighty mites produced such ringmen as George Dixon, Jimmy Barry, Terry McGovern, Johnny Coulon, Kid Williams, Frankie Burns, Pete Herman, Johnny Buff, Joe Lynch, Memphis Pal Moore, Pancho Villa, Frankie Genaro, Bud Taylor and Fidel LaBarba, to cite only some of the many. Boxing certainly could do with a few like them today!

Even though we have no homebred 112- and 118-pounders to become enthused about now, there's no reason why we cannot get an occasional peek at imported stuff. They still turn out good ones in other lands and climes, as Halimi of France and Macias of Mexico so convincingly demonstrated.

With talent in the heavier divisions becoming steadily scarcer in numbers and poorer in calibre, a bantam or flyweight offering now and then would be, as Sam Taub so succinctly expresses it, a real treat. They may be little but the tiny tykes know how to fight!

ANENT YANKEE SCHWARTZ

While discussing bantams, we are reminded that Julius (Yankee) Schwartz, a rugged journeyman of the pre-World War I era, recently died in Lancaster, Pa., at the age of 65.

Schwartz was a colorful personality. Born in Russia, he was a toddling tot when his family emigrated to the United States, settling in Pennsylvania. Julius was in his early 'teens when he accompanied his father, a jewelry merchant, on a visit to the diamond market in South Africa. While there the youngster decided to try his luck in boxing. The locals promptly dubbed him "Yankee," and the name stuck to him throughout his ring career.

Schwartz never became a champion, but he was a strong, durable sort. First as a bantam, then as a feather and finally as a lightweight, he did most of his fighting in Philadelphia and Lancaster, but frequently hopped off on jaunts to other American centers. His ramblings carried him up and down the Atlantic seaboard, throughout the south and most of the mid-west. In 1908 he fought Johnny Coulon, then bantam champion, in a no-decision affair in Philadelphia. In 1911 he split honors in a three-bout series with Joe Mandot in Memphis, winning one, losing one and drawing the other. Early in 1912, as a lightweight, he was beaten by champion-to-be Willie Ritchie in Cleveland but came back later that year to hold his own with ex-champion Battling Nelson in Columbus.

In recent years Schwartz, picking up where his father left off, had been in the jewelry business.

THE "AYES" OF TEXAS

On a recent jaunt to Texas we had ample opportunity to understand why the Lone Star State has become one of the nation's outstanding boxing centers. It is well supplied with popular local talent, and the promoters are doing a fine job of giving the customers what they want. Averaging from fifteen to twenty shows a month, Texas rates second only to California in national ring industry these days. Houston, Beaumont and San Antonio operate on regular schedules, with cards every two weeks, while Port Arthur, Galveston, Corpus Christi, Laredo, Tyler, Robstown and El

Paso function with monthly programs.

Houston, a bustling metropolis with a steadily increasing population already past the 1,000,000 mark, is the state's main theatre of fistic operations. The "big" cards are offered in the beautiful new Coliseum, with a seating capacity of 11,000, while lesser shows are staged in the older and smaller Auditorium with accommodations for 5,000. The top native attractions are heavyweight Roy Harris of Cut-and-Shoot and featherweight Paul Jorgensen of Port Arthur. Harris has drawn gates ranging from $15,000 to $46,000 with such opponents as Billy Besmanoff, Bob Baker and Willie Pastrano, while Jorgensen has been a consistent $10,000-plus attraction with the likes of Carmelo Costa, Ike Chestnut and Lulu Perez.

Since Lou Viscusi shifted his headquarters to Houston a couple of years ago, his two mainstays, world lightweight champion Joe Brown and promising heavyweight Cleveland Williams, have been "adopted" by the citizenry and are now regarded as local favorites.

Incidentally, by the time this issue goes to press, Harris may be lost to boxing for a while. It looks as though he is headed for a hitch in the Army.

A restless world, with its jealousies and hatreds, could take a real lesson from the No. 1 international sport, boxing. Pictured here are three aces of Philippe Filippi's "stable" of boxers. Left to right are Cherif Hamia, European featherweight champion; Charley Humez, European middleweight champion, and Alphonse Halimi, world bantamweight champion. Despite racial and religious differences—Hamia is an Algerian Moslem, Humez a French Catholic and Halimi an Algerian Jew—all is peace and harmony in the camp.

ODDS AND ENDS

Jimmy Martinez, the wandering Arizona middleweight, seems determined, for the second year in succession, to establish himself as the world's busiest main-eventer. Jimmy's 1956 record showed a total of 16 fights, scattered all over the landscape. He's in a fair way to match, or pass, that figure in 1957. By mid-November, with a month and a half to go, the Arizonan had already waded through 14 bouts, with two trips to South Africa and one to Europe enlivening the schedule. We wouldn't know exactly, but we'd estimate Martinez's touring in less than two years must have covered some 50,000 miles.

Sid Marks, hard-hitting British lightweight of the 1920's, now operating out of Hollywood, has authored an interesting book entitled "The Newspaperboys' Hall of Fame," published by House-Warven of Hollywood. Sending along a copy to this commentator, Sid writes: "I thought it would be my way of saying thanks for all the great times and wonderful people I have met in the U.S.A. I hope you enjoy the book as much as I did in getting it together. If you run into any of the swell guys I used to know in New York, say hello for me."

About 20 more records of past greats and near-greats will augment the Old-Timers' section of the 1958 Ring Record Book, now being compiled. Incidentally, it would be advisable for you fans, promoters, managers, sports writers, boxing commissioners and others interested in vital boxing statistics to get your orders in early for the new issue, which will be ready about February 1. Several hundred late-arriving requests for the 1957 book had to be turned back because the edition was sold out completely by mid-summer.

THE month's results:

One of the better recent developments hereabouts, Genorace (Gene) Armstrong, 153¾, Linden, N. J., extended his string of consecutive wins to an even dozen by ripping an ugly gash above the left eye of Eddie (Machine Gun) Thompson, 156¼, Cincinnati, and getting credit for a knockout when their St. Nicholas bout was halted at the end of the seventh round. Scoring consistently with snappy left jabs and jolting rights, Armstrong was boss all the way. In the fourth he ripped open Thompson's eyebrow with one right and another right sent the Cincinnatian skidding to his glove tips on the canvas. By the seventh Armstrong's constant peppering had the cut over Thompson's eye bleeding so profusely that, after a consultation with Dr. Alex Schiff, Referee Petey Scalzo signalled finish to the bout. It was Thompson's first defeat after 13 wins and one draw in 14 pro outings. A pair of Philadelphians whipped a duo of Bronxites in two sixes, Melvin McFarland, 138, decisioning Bertram Bailey, 141, and Haywood Johnson, 158, scoring over Mike Campbell, 158½. In fours, Sid Rubenstein, 206½, West Side, outpunched Henry Wallitsch, 185½, Jackson Heights, and Frank Medley, 138½, Atlantic City, stopped Jimmy Leftwich, 138¾, Newark, at 2:49 of the second.

▶ The first boxing card in Madison Square Garden in more than six and a half months was topped by a dreary ten in which Rory Calhoun, 160½, White Plains, was an easy winner over the fading veteran Rocky Castellani, 160, now billing himself out of Atlantic City. Calhoun fought in his usual aggressive manner but made little progress against Castellani's skittering, clutching tactics. Rory chased Rocky from start to finish but nothing much happened. Nobody was hurt and the only noticeable damage suffered were slight cuts along the left eyes of both boys. The semi-final, also listed for ten, was halted at the end of the seventh with Tony DeCola, 148, Brooklyn, credited with winning from Tony DiBiase, 147½, Astoria. A cut on DiBiase's right eyelid was responsible for shortening the bout. The fight was fairly even as far as it went. Domasco Collazo, 134½, Cuba, outfought Dave Walden, 131, Youngstown, O., in eight. In a pair of fours, George Quinones, 127, Bronx, whipped a borough rival, Lou Caravella, 126½ and Al Styles, 146¼, Philadelphia, decisioned Felix Machado, 151½, Cuba. The non-televised semi-final, between two popular local kids, was largely responsible for the better-than-normal turnout of customers. The attendance was estimated at 3,000 and the gate receipts at $7,300.

▶ Featuring a jab-and-grab routine, Eddie Lynch, 149¼, West Side, was a winner over willing but awkward substitute, Yvon Turenne, 153½, Montreal, in a sloppy ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Originally, Lynch was to have met Danny Russo in a replay of their exciting brawl two months before, but Russo pulled up with the 'flu and Turenne was rushed in to replace him. Lynch won by steady use of left jabs and hooks, but both boys messed things up by too much holding and wrestling, drawing repeated warnings from Referee Harry Ebbets. Turenne suffered a cut on the bridge of his nose in the first round and a rip over his right eye in the third. Lynch also was nursing a slight cut alongside his left eye at the finish. Otis Woodward, 160, Harlem, decisioned George Chimenti, 159½, Yorkville, in the semi-final eight. In fours, Roland Blackman, 135¼, West Side, won from Cecil Barbosa, 131¾, Bronx; Sid Lugo, 136½, Brooklyn, outpointed Vinnie Breen, 135, Long Island City, and Larry Jones, 145½, Harlem, drew with Eddie Armstrong, 140½, Elizabeth, N. J.

▶ As a substitute for a substitute, Gale Kerwin, 139½, transplanted Canadian, now living in Valley Stream, L. I., did right well but not quite well enough to win in a bristling ten with the more experienced Johnny Busso, 138½, East Side, in Madison Square Garden. Originally, Busso was to have met Paolo Rosi, but Rosi was overtaken by the 'flu. Then Ernie (Sonny Boy) Williams was named to replace Rosi, but he also had to plead off for the same reason. Kerwin, booked for the semi-final, was promoted to the main event. The aggressive youngster, making the most of his opportunity, set a fast pace in the early rounds, swarming all over Busso and scoring repeatedly with left hooks to Johnny's head and body. Busso began to come on in the fifth, however, and in the sixth he dropped Kerwin with a left-right combination to the jaw. Gale was up at four but took the mandatory eight-count. From then Busso was boss of operations but he had to fight all the way to stay in front of his gritty rival. Charley Douglas, 139½, Walden, N. Y., filled in for Kerwin in the semi-final and did a quick job on Johnny Gorman, 135½, West Side. It was two knockdowns and out for Gorman at 2:31 of one round. Wally Livingston, 125½, Trenton, N. J., outfought Jimmy DeMura, 130½, Syracuse, in eight. In fours, Al Donato, 143¼, Puerto Rico, drew with Joe Kelly, 148, West Side; Cecil Barbosa, 134, Brooklyn, won from Lou Garmona, 133, Puerto Rico, and Jimmy Sanchez, 130, Harlem, stopped Jackie Lennon, 127, Philadelphia, at 1:38 of the first.

▶ One of the busiest campaigners in the lightweight division, Tommy Tibbs, 132¼, Boston, dropped into the St. Nicholas Arena to toss an upset defeat into heavier Frank Ippolito, 138, Bronx, in an exciting ten. Although still a comparative youngster in years (23), it was Tibbs' 86th pro start since he began operations in 1950. He gave the favored Ippolito a real going-over, outboxing and outpunching him all the way. He had the Bronxite on the canvas twice in the second, although Referee Larry Napp ruled one of the knockdowns a slip. There was no doubt about the other. A solid right caught Ippolito behind the left ear and sent him toppling to the floor. In that same round Tibbs started Ippolito's nose bleeding, and in the fourth he opened a cut on the Bronxite's right eyelid. In sixes, Bernie Jones, 126½, Brooklyn, grabbed the decision from Iggy Maldonado, 132½, Puerto Rico, and

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

JOEY LOPES, who had just held Champion Joe Brown to a draw, might have felt a bit complacent when he faced Kid Castro, whose fame is only regional. Any feeling of that kind was quickly dispelled in the first round, when a thundering Castro right put Joey on the canvas. But Joey was up quickly, and came back to punish Castro severely, finally scoring a seventh round TKO in the headliner at Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento. Lopes is now matched with Brown for the title on December 4 in Chicago.

Castro weighed 140 to 134 for Lopes. The house grossed $4332.

Castro, of Stockton, did well in the first, second and third right after dropping Lopes. But in the fourth Sacramento's ranking lightweight took command, and Castro was badly battered by the close of the sixth. When the Kid took another lacing in the seventh, Referee Pete Morelli halted the contest.

Davey Lee, 131, Reno, Bobby Gray, 129, Stockton, drew in six rounds.

Four rounder results: Joe Neal, 162, dec. Willie Lewis, 164; Willie Woods, 124, KO'd Dave Midel, 126, in 2; Ernie Virgen, 135, outpointed Ray Thomas, 138.

Kid Centella has knocked out experienced fighters like Ralph Dupas and Art Ramponi with a single punch, so San Jose observers figured Willie Morton was taking on the toughest assignment of his career when he faced the Keed. The San Jose lightweight got through the big test with a close decision over the Central American blaster. They provided the headliner at San Jose's Civic Auditorium. Weights: Morton, 141; Centella, 138.

Promoter Abe Acquistapace reported the gross as $2175.

What looked like the famous Centella payoff right landed against Willie's head in the fourth, and he went down. But Referee Jack Silver ruled it a slip, and not a knockdown. This may have been the most important ruling of the battle, because the final point score in Morton's favor was 96-95. The referee was the sole official.

Kid Rayo, 145, a stablemate of Centella, lost the decision to Frankie Brown, 146, in 6 rounds.

In the last round of a six-round special, Art Wright, 186, knocked out Leon Hatcher, 193.

Chico Villa, 126, dec. Willie Woods, 123, in 4.

▶ Bob Butcher, San Francisco heavyweight with a long winning streak, regards all opponents as tough ones, and trains accordingly. But Bob found Tommy Fields of Los Angeles the fateful opponent who was to break up the 18 victory setup. Fields stopped Butcher in the final minutes of a ten rounder at the Auditorium in Richmond. Weights: Field, 197; Butcher, 198.

Jimmy Cosensza promoted the show, which drew $2648 gross.

On a round winning score, Butcher did well. He took most of the middle sessions after being dropped for a four count in the second. But in the ninth Fields started connecting solidly again, and Butcher was flat on his back when Referee Matt Zidich reached a count of seven as the bell rang.

Early in the tenth, when Fields continued to batter Butcher all over the ring, the referee called a halt.

Rocky Fumerelle, 157, S.F., beat Joe Brewer, 159, Fresno, to the punch often enough to take a six round decision.

In another six, Sixto Rodriguez, 172, outpointed James Fisher, 170.

James Head, 185, KO'd Herman Henry, 185, in 1; Guadalajara Kid, 135, dec. Ken Gordon, 135, in 4.

▶ From John Hall, Mirror-News, comes the info that Billy Ray Smith, Arkansas gridiron flash now a member of the L.A. Rams, seeks to do battle with Charley Powell, Suey Welch's heavyweight, who is enjoying the best year of his pro football career with the S.F. 49ers.

Seems as how Billy Ray did some college boxing, and inspired by Pete Rademacher's surprising showing against Floyd Patterson, he wants to get into the act, too.

Ballyhoo Mebbe. Anyway, West Coast boxing promoters would be glad to stage the match.

▶ Enrique (Hank) Aceves, former Golden Glove champ, undefeated as a pro, 127, scored a smashing win over Pete Kawula, Canadian feather, at the Olympic Auditorium. Kawula weighed 128. This was Aceves' 12th pro fight, his 11th win; the other was a draw with Jimmy Lassiter.

The verdict was not unanimous. Referee Mushy Callahan saw it 95-89, Judge John Thomas voted 96-90, but Judge Tommy Herman saw it even-Stephen, 94-94. Inasmuch as Aceves scored three knockdowns—two in the second, one in the 10th—it would seem that Tommy was overly conservative.

The gate was disappointing, with the crowd estimated at 2800. It was the most important win of Aceves' career to date. The show was not televised.

In the semi, slated for six, youthful Timmie Jefferson, 137, scored three knockdowns over newcomer Fred Dukes, of Cuba, to win by TKO in the second. The fours: Roxcell Mosley, 147½, dec. Richard McLain, 148½; Ernest Harris, 130, KO (3) over Kildo Nunez, 135½; and Ralph Bunch, 137, dec. Tommy Carlin, 133.

▶ Southern California Boxing Guild has served notice on local promoters that a strike will be called unless prelim boys are raised from a minimum of $65 for a four-rounder to $75. Promoters are protesting that they are not making money and can't afford it.

▶ Looks like my good amigo Nat Fleischer will have to revise his lightweight rankings somewhat; in the November issue of The Ring, Orlando Zulueta of Cuba is ranked No. 6, whereas Don Jordan of Los Angeles isn't included among the Top Ten.

Well, at Hollywood Legion Stadium, a crowd of more than 3300 fans paid a fat $5083 gross to see Jordan, 137, win the unanimous verdict over Zulueta, 136½. The show was not televised.

Referee Frankie Van voted 97-92; Judge Russ Bradford had the same score, and Judge Jimmy Wilson saw it 98-91. Notwithstanding which, Zulueta scored the only knockdown of the fight in Round 2, when a left-right combo sent Jordan to the canvas for a count of eight.

There were no outstanding thrills, but it was a hard-fought scrap, with Jordan the aggressor and Zulueta back-pedaling.

In the semi- slated for six, Bobby Sand, 159, and Larry Maldonado, 162, battled a six-round "technical" draw, when Maldonado, suffered an ugly gash over his right eye in the last heat, result of an accidental butt.

The fours: Pudgy Jones, 184, dec. Bob Parish, 173; Ernie Bell, 159, TKO (4) over Lloyd Cook, 159, and Willie Pope, 191, dec. Otis Fuller, 192½.

▶ Sid Flaherty, controversial manager of former middleweight champ Bobo Olson and heavyweight Eddie Machen, has been granted a manager's license to operate in California. Flaherty was one of the casualties of the celebrated investigation held last year.

During the probe, it developed that Flaherty was doubling as promoter and manager, in direct violation of California rules. The beefy pilot thereupon pulled up stakes and moved to Oregon.

Chairman Dan Kilroy of the State Athletic Commission delivered himself of a unique statement in granting Flaherty his license. He said, and I quote: "He has the No. 1 contender in Eddie Machen who is a big draw in San Francisco."

No comment. Make your own comment.

▶ He was born in Tallulah, La., raised in Port Arthur, Texas, but classy Paul Jorgensen of Texas can now get his mail in Los Angeles, for the colorful collegian won a home in California by his smashing kayo victory over Ernesto Figueroa, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Jorgensen, 128, floored Figueroa, 128½, twice in Round 1—with left jabs, yet. You don't hardly see that nowhere, no more, to borrow an expression from George Gobel. Figueroa came back gamely, and made a real fight of it. Then, in the 10th and final round, the Texan nailed Figueroa with a left hook, followed by a hard right cross and down went the Mexican boy for the full count after 2:05 had elapsed.

Jorgensen cut classes at Houston University, where he is a junior in business administration, to make his California debut. To say that he made a hit here is putting it mildly.

The crowd, estimated at about 2,500, paid a gross of $3800, but with Jorgensen getting a guarantee of $2,000, reportedly, and Figueroa $1250, there wasn't any black-ink bookkeeping. Like the guys says, it was an artistic success but a financial flop.

Little Firpo, 140, won a split six-round decision over Joe Chavez, 135, in the semi-final. The fours: Caesar Sanchez, 118, dec. Billy Parker, 118; Louis Eggleston, 127, TKO (4) over Joe Gans, 123, and Ernie Bell, 162, dec. Nathan Irish, 160.

▶ Time was when Lauro Salas, former world lightweight champ, fought in fits and spurts, but in his last two fights he has given his opponent fits by fighting three full minutes of every round. With great success, it may be added.

At Hollywood Legion Stadium, before a very good crowd of 4200 who paid a gross of $5656 to see the non-TV scrap, Salas, 129, won the unanimous decision over Lulu Perez, New York, 129. He just didn't fool around.

Referee Lee Grossman scored it 97-94; Judge Frankie Van, 96-92; and Judge Tommy Hart, 97-92. Perez suffered a one-point penalty, for an accidental low blow.

Coming atop of his recent TKO win over Julian Velasquez, it boosted Lauro's stock sky-high. The betcha boys had installed Perez favorite by a 10-7 margin; he, too, had stopped Velasquez in a fight here four months ago.

Both boys suffered cuts over the left eye, Salas in the 6th, Perez in the 8th. But the action was hot and heavy, with Lauro landing the more solid socks and having Lulu in trouble several times.

There's lots of life left in the little Lion of Monterrey, and as the gate receipts attest, he's still a strong favorite with local fans.

Undefeated Eddie Gaspora, 128½, racked up his 13th straight win at the expense of Joaquin Veloz, 125, in the semi-final. It was slated for six, but Veloz ran out of gas in the 4th, so it goes in the book as TKO.

The fours: Norman Letcher, 173, dec. Tommy Johnson, 176; Tommy Guytoni, 147, dec. Fab Kennedy, 148, and Gene Gresham, 134½, dec. Larry Wright, 135½.

▶ Back from Honolulu, where Billy Peacock dropped a bitterly disputed verdict to Danny Kid of the Philippines, came Suey Welch, Peacock's pilot. And he was sizzling mad. Justifiably so, according to the Honolulu Star Bulletin.

"In the 7th round, Billy dropped the Filipino for a count of eight and won the round by a big margin. But you know what? One of the judges scored it 5-5. Ever hear anything like that? The referee gave it to Peacock, 5-3, and the other judge gave it to Billy by a 5-2 margin. One of the judges voted for Peacock, 46-44, but the other two guys voted for Danny Kid. God knows why!"

▶ "We wuz robbed!" screamed Kid Gavilan, 146, when the verdict went to Gaspar Ortega, 146, at Wrigley Field, L. A., following twelve torrid rounds of battling in a so-called "elimination" match. The show was promoted by Hollywood Legion Stadium.

In this particular instance, it would appear that the Cuban Keed actually WAS "robbed," for all four boxing writers of the leading L. A. papers violently criticized the verdict. In fact, one story stressed the point that twelve of the 15 reporters covering the fight favored Gavilan by from three to eight points. All "experts", presumably.

It was a split verdict. Referee Frankie Van voted 115-113, Judge Tommy Hart 115-112, both for Ortega. Judge Dynamite Jackson voted for Gavilan, 117-113.

The decision may have been bad, but the fight was a corker. Financially, it was a bloomer. Inclement weather had something to do with it, but the fight itself didn't seem to catch on with the fans.

Gross gate was $19,052.50; the net, $17,231.59. Each boy got 25%, or $4,307.90. Obviously the Hollywood Legion Stadium took it on the chin. They ain't talking.

In the semi, slated for six, Bobby Robledo, 129½, TKO (3) over Joey Augustine. The fours: Guillermo Diaz, 151, Cuba, dec. Joe Garza, 155, Detroit; and Jimmy Mitchell, 139, L. A., dec. Andy Solis, 137½, Oxnard.

▶ Winning over ring-wise and hard hitting Kid Centella is a major task for any young-

ster, and most boxers would not tempt fate by accepting a return match. But Willie Morton, San Jose lightweight, took on the Nicaraguan walloper for the second time, and won a clear-cut victory. This was their second appearance in three weeks at the Civic Auditorium in San Jose.

This was a promotion of Jim Pusatari and Abe Acquistapace. Jack Downey refereed. Weights: Morton, 138½; Centella, 138. Scoring consensus for Morton was 98-94.

Morton was never in real trouble, while Centella often seemed on the verge of going down. His experience paid off as he wrestled himself out of danger.

Four rounds were enough for Frankie Brown, 148, San Jose, to TKO Pappy Medlock, 143, Oakland. They were slated for six.

Art Wright, 186, San Jose, dec. Johnny Bass, 188, San Francisco, in 6.

Billy Fields, 197, drew with John L. Lewis, 180, in 4.

▶ Richmond, Calif., has a prominent spot in most boxing histories as the locale of the Wolgast-Nelson battle, when the Cadillac Wildcat knocked out the Durable Dane in 40 rounds plus to take the lightweight title. When Jimmy Abeyta, 111, knocked out Abe Villa, 110, it was in a different title category —for the flyweight championship of California.

Abeyta, of Oakland, retained his regional crown by halting Villa, of Los Angeles in the second round of a scheduled 12. Jimmy Cosenza's promotion venture took place at the Richmond Civic Auditorium.

Abeyta started pummeling Villa heavily from the outset. A left hook dropped Villa at the start of round two. Though Abe arose, he was still dazed, and Referee Jack Silver halted the contest.

Rocky Fumerelle, 117, S.F., outpointed Reo Lite, 159, S.F., in 6. Joe Louis III, 178, S.F., decisioned Andy Domebo, 185, San Jose, in 6.

The fours: Chico Villa, 126, dec. Willy Woods, 125; Tony Moss, 155, outpointed Laramie Perez, 158.

▶ Charley Black, 160, recognized as California light-heavy champ, scored a 7th round knockout over Chebo Hernandez, Juarez, 159, at the Olympic Auditorium. Black's title was not at stake; if it had been, t'would have made no never-mind.

At the time of the kayo, Black was well ahead on points.

Black was a last-minute substitution for Tombstone Smith, who was stricken with flu. Asian or otherwise. Consequently, there was a small turnout; the net gate was $31,306.79.

In another headliner, also scheduled for ten heats, Auburn Copeland, 130, scored a 6th round TKO over Jimmy Feaster, 137.

The fours: Joe White, 146, dec. Tommy Guyton, 145; and Ray Walk, 146, KO (1) over Bill Everhardt, 145.

▶ Jerry Mullany reports the following bouts from Northern California:

New promoters on the Northern California scene are Mickey Casper and Rex Powell. Their center of operations is Watsonville, close to an agricultural area where there are numerous Latin-American and Filipino fans. Their main event choices reflect this clientele's favorites—this time it was Julian Valdez and Leo Agbulos. Valdez, 139, decisioned Agbulos, 136, at the Watsonville Civic Auditorium. The program drew 1400 customers.

Agbulos, Filipino from Stockton, never lost at his valley stamping ground, but has dropped a couple since taking bouts throughout the state. Valdez, from Vallejo, ran his victory string to nine.

Valdez rained punches on Agbulos in the final two rounds to add to his already comfortable lead. Referee Jack Downey, sole official, listed it 99-92 for Valdez.

Results of prelims: Jimmy Mackey, 139, dec. Chico Arroyo, 141, in 6; Al Carroll, 131, drew with Ernie Virgen, 136, in 6; Vic Cardo, 144, outpointed Ray Thomas, 140, in 4.

▶ Dommy Ursua's rooters had a lot to think about as their favorite faced Nacho Escalante at the Civic Auditorium in Stockton. Escalante had seven straight knockouts. And he was a stablemate of Raton Macias, who KO'd Ursua in an NBA bantam title fight. But Ursua overcame whatever jinxes there were to score a TKO over Escalante in the sixth.

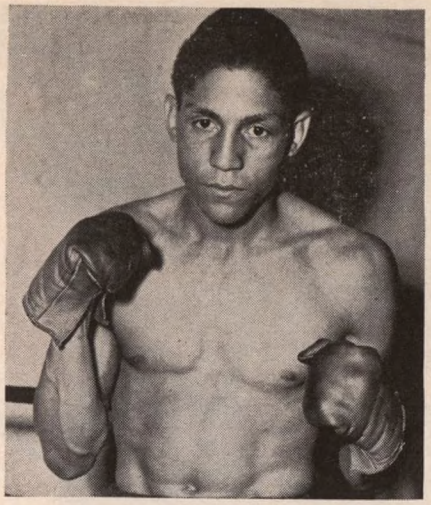
Promoter Billy Hunefeld counted 2100 customers who contributed a gross of $5,513.

Ursua, high in the ranks of the world's flyweights, was up to 117 to cope with Escalante's 116½. The Mexico City blaster put Dommy on the floor in the second with a right uppercut. Though the Filipino rose immediately, he was in distress till the close of the round.

Dommy came fast in the third, fourth and fifth. A patch over Escalante's left eye was knocked off in the fifth, during which the Mexican bled profusely. When Ursua started to knock Nacho all over the ring in the sixth, Referee Pete Morelli intervened.

Bobby Gray, 130, Stockton, KO'D Davey Lee, 132, Reno, in the first round of a scheduled six. Joe Neal, 165, Stockton, dec. Willie Lewis, 167, Sacramento, in 6.

Al Carroll, 132, stopped Ernie Virgen, 134, in 1.



Don Jordan, Los Angeles lightweight, upset ranking Cuban Orlando Zulueta at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, though he was dropped in the second round. The victory moved him closer to the first ten in the division.

▶ If I had the time, the energy and the ability, I'd write a book entitled "The Strange Case of Arthur Anthony Aragon, Pugilist". Lacking all three of those qualities, I'll cut it down to a thumbnail sketch.

Certainly everyone who reads these pages has heard of Art Aragon, the Golden Boy.

Last March, Aragon was placed on trial in a Los Angeles court on the charge of attempting to bribe one Dick Goldstein, also known as Dick Sizbette, and still further known as Ryszard Matuszewski. They were booked to "battle" in San Antonio, Texas. No California promoter would have dared to stage such a match. Compare the records of the two men in Nat Fleischer's 1957 Ring Record Book and you'll see why.

The fight never took place. But the trial did, and Aragon was convicted by a jury in the court of Judge Herbert V. Walker. That gentleman sentenced him one-to-five years in prison, a very harsh penalty in the opinion of those who followed the case closely.

When I was a kid, I remember reading Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens' famous novel. There was a character named Mr. Bumble who stated therein:

"The law is a ass—a idiot." Despite the fact that my own son is an attorney, I was tempted to reiterate that statement after the Aragon trial.

Now comes good news. The District Court of Appeals has set aside this sentence; severely criticized the judge and the deputy district attorney. According to the Appellate Court, the judge was "prejudicial in his manner"; the "defendant did not have a fair trial as that term is understood under our system of law." Further, that "counsel for Aragon was unduly limited in his cross-examination of Goldstein."

Aragon was defended by two very able attorneys: Jules J. Covey, former chairman of the State Athletic Commission, and Paul Caruso. They attempted to introduce evidence that Goldstein had perjured himself when he enlisted in the Marines, lied on the witness stand, and was described by Attorney Caruso as a "congenital liar"—yet allowed to testify against Aragon and helped convict him.

What will happen now? Well, the D.A. may seek to place Art on trial again, or he may decide to drop the case.

Aragon is now preparing to resume his ring career. He has lost almost a year of his life, waiting for the decision of the Appellate Court, and at a time when he was the greatest drawing card in California ring history. In some 40 fights at the Olympic, all of which were publicized by the writer, Aragon grossed well over a million dollars in purses.

▶ Oddly-named German Ohm, Mexican born and bred, 121, was heavily favored over the Stockton Filipino, Ross Padilla, 121, at Hollywood Legion Stadium—but it was Padilla, 4-1 underdog, who won the split decision.

Judge Lee Grossman scored it 96-95; Judge John Thomas saw it 97-92, both for Padilla, but Referee Dick Young called it a dead heat, 95-95. The turnout was about 2,500; gross gate, $4,010. There were no knockdowns.

Ohm suffered a bad gash under his right eye, which bothered him aplenty in the closing rounds. There was some criticism with the verdict, but the fight was a thriller.

In the six-round semi, Nat Simon, 137, won a split decision over highly touted Willard (Bat) Nelson, Portland, 137, allegedly undefeated prior to this one; said to have won 38 in a row. The four-rounders: Curley Lee, 183, KO (3) over Tony Emanuel, 205; Puggy Jones, 174, dec. Leroy Smith, 175; and Larry Miller, 147, dec. Richie McLane, 147.

▶ San Francisco's thousands of Irish boxing fans are enthusiastic but practical. They know that one good flurry of hard punches by a ring-wise ex-champion can kayo a promising youngster. So they watched intently as young Bobby Scanlon battled Wallace (Bud) Smith at the Civic Auditorium. Scanlon allayed his supporters' anxieties by winning every round to finally TKO Smith in the 10th. Weights: Scanlon, 138; Smith, 139.

The program, promoted by Lou Thomas, drew 3500, with gross receipts totalling $6,686.

All the prelims were scheduled fours. John L. Lewis, 180, KO'd Billy Fields, 194, in 1; Merced Munoz, 150, stopped Stanford Christy, 145, in 3; Vic Cardo, 135, halted Speedy Henderson, 135, in 3; Al Loretz, 158, dec. Tony Moss, 152.

▶ When 5,500 fans pay a gross of $7,290 to see a fight of strictly local interest, in this day and age, it speaks volumes.

That's what happened at Hollywood Legion Stadium when youthful, undefeated Alfredo Escobar, 128, squared off with Vince Delgado, 126½, with the split decision going to Delgado.

The fight was not televised, which accounts in part for the very fine turnout.

First, the scoring: Referee John Thomas saw it as a 50/50 scrap, voted 96-96. Judge Jimmy Wilson tabbed it 97-95, and Judge James Wallace 96-94, both for Delgado.

The newspaper laddies didn't agree with the scoring; two of them, Cal Whorton of the TIMES and George Main of the HERALD EXPRESS, both thought Escobar had the edge.

But if there was dissension about the verdict, there was none about the fight itself. It was a smasher, a thriller from stem to stern.

Had it not been for a 2-count knockdown in the first heat, Escobar might have been elected on all ballots.

It was nip-and-tuck, give-and-take, no clinching and plenty of action from then on. Delgado seemed to tire slightly in the last two rounds, and Escobar's fast left jab was very much in evidence. Perhaps that is why there was so much argument after the verdict. The rematch—and there certainly will be one—will pack 'em in to the rafters.

Benny Doyle, 163, nabbed the decision over Willie Gilbert, 164, in the six-round semi. The fours: Gene Gresham, 133½, dec. Joey Armstrong, 135; Arnold Virgil, 126, dec. Arvil Burris, 125; and Ray Walk, 140, drew with Benny Medina, 140.

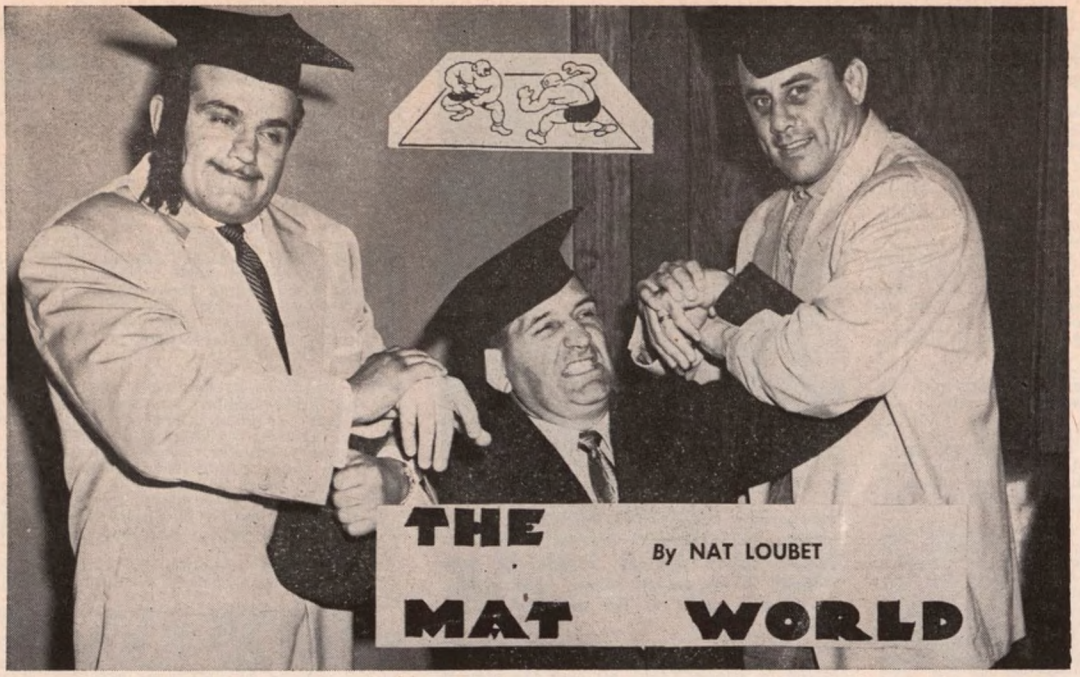
KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

DAVE GREGG, GENIAL SPORTS EDITOR OF THE JOPLIN GLOBE, Joplin, Missouri, now on leave of absence from his publishing firm, is now in the midst of writing a book regarding Archie Moore's secret formula on how to reduce.

Magician Moore, weighing a plump 220 pounds on many occasions has signed to defend his 175 pound light heavyweight title, and several months later amazed the world by stepping on the scales some 45 pounds lighter. Moore contends while doing his road-work in Australia, he met an Aborigine, a primitive bushman of the down under country who taught him how to take off excessive poundage without starvation.

▶ Billy Sudduth, one of the Heart of America's top welterweights, recently moved from Topeka, Kansas, to Kansas City, Mo., so he can resume his boxing career. The Midwest Boxing Club have dates tentatively pencilled in for cards in Kansas City, Wichita and Joplin.

▶ Boxers and managers seeking work in this territory may get in touch with your correspondent: Max Yeargain, Quality Hill Towers, 905 Jefferson, Kansas City, Missouri.



THE MAT WORLD

By NAT LOUBET

Houston, Texas, has become one of the hot spots for wrestling in the U. S. Going along with the trend Houston Chronicle Station KTRK has initiated a humorous panel show, "What's Your Problem," seen on Sunday afternoons. Its initial showing had as panelists left to right: The Mighty Atlas, Paul Boesch and Texas champ Pepper Gomez. The boys seem to have had as much fun as the audience.

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

AS we go to press big things are happening in England where the All-Nations Heavyweight KO Tournament is getting under way at Harringay Arena. About sixteen wrestlers campaigning in England from different countries will be representing their homelands. Andre Drapp, the "Lion of Lorraine", as he is billed, will be one of the betting favorites.

News reaches us that wrestling has been banned at Milwaukee due to a riot there recently. Asked to give his view on the matter Fred Kohler, reached in Chicago, said *"If that's what they want to do it's OK with me. So there won't be any wrestling in Milwaukee. I can't understand why all the fuss over those matches. Fans react the same way in Chicago and other cities where we promote. I thought we were doing the Arena-Auditorium a favor by filling the halls during the summer when things are slow."*

It's too bad that the fans can't understand how far to go and not allow their emotions to get out of hand. Fun's fun but when risk to life and limb result it's no longer fun.

The Al Getson-Buddy Rosen Fan Club held a Halloween party in Philadelphia that was some pumpkins.

Tommy Kono, of Sacramento, California, has won the world middleweight weightlifting title and a few days later was named "Mr. Universe".

Last three wrestling shows at Madison Square Garden drew over 60,000 paying customers and drew $180,000 through the turnstiles. It is estimated that the freaks in wrestling are quickly disappearing and that in their place are tumblers like Edouard Carpentier, ballet dancers like Rickie Starr, high steppers like Antonio Rocca, and those pretty heads like Dr. Jerry Graham, et al.

Incidentally there are now two fairly well established claimants to the world title . . . one group backing Edouard Carpentier and the other the ageless Lou Thesz.

THE RING POPULARITY POLL

THE MEN

1. Rickie Starr
2. Antonio Rocca
3. Edouard Carpentier
4. Ronnie Etchison
5. The Great Scott
6. Pat O'Connor
7. Buddy Rosen
8. Verne Gagne
9. Wilbur Snyder
10. Pepper Gomez

THE WOMEN

1. Judy Grable
2. June Byers (Champ)
3. Vickie Lynn
4. Penny Banner
5. Judy Glover
6. Louise Greene
7. Babs Wingo
8. Princess Moolah (Champ)
9. Rita Cortez
10. Kathleen Wimbley

THE FAN CLUB CORNER

Dear Sir:

In the course of the last few years many American wrestlers have visited the European Continent. Now some Continental top-wrestlers are in the U. S. Among them are Wilson Kohlbrecher from Osnabrück, Germany, the brilliant Spaniard Eduardo Castillo, the stocky Paul Berger (Swiss) and the villainous René Lasartesse from France. Kohlbrecher was Germany's third-best heavyweight fighter behind the champs Heinz Neuhaus and Hein ten Hoff. Since he turned to the mat in May, 1953, he has become one of the leading German wrestlers and was more successful on the mat than as a fighter. During his career he reached the top

Judy Grable, top notch lady wrestler, seen here with Holyoke, Mass., sportsman "Uncle Tom" Mortimer, a Ring correspondent.

and defeated nearly all European stars appearing in Germany. Among these you could find Gedeon Gida, the Hungarian and probably the wrestler behind Bert Assirati, Yvar Martinson (France), the Australian Ray Hunter, Herbert Audersch and Fritz Müller, and numerous were his wins over men like Pat Curry, Mike Barrett, Leo Demetral, King Badu, Sam Bates, Eduardo Castillo, Hermann Iffland, Paul Berger, Georg Blemenschütz, Dennis Mitchell, Abel Cestac, Josef Vavra and Geoff Portz' to name only a few. The champions Frank Sexton and Francois Miquet had their trouble with the rough Kohlbrecher.

Germany is just about the only country over here besides Austria where wrestling tournaments are held. These tournaments last from two to twelve weeks and every evening one can watch wrestling!

Best Germans are Fritz Müller, Wilson Kohlbrecher, Hermann Iffland, and Rudi Saturski followed by Jonny Stein and the middleweights Rudi Schumacher and Matieu Rösges.

Some time ago Primo Carnera appeared once more in Berlin and defeated Felix Miquet (France) and Richard Grupe (Germany).

A lad to be remembered is 22 year old James Brown from Long Island, N. Y., who is a big favorite on German mats. Brown came over with the services and was stationed at the airport at Frankfort, Germany. He was an all-round sportsman, bodybuilder, weightlifter, boxing heavy-champ of the army and even a successful rugby-player of the Rhine-Main airport at Frankfort.

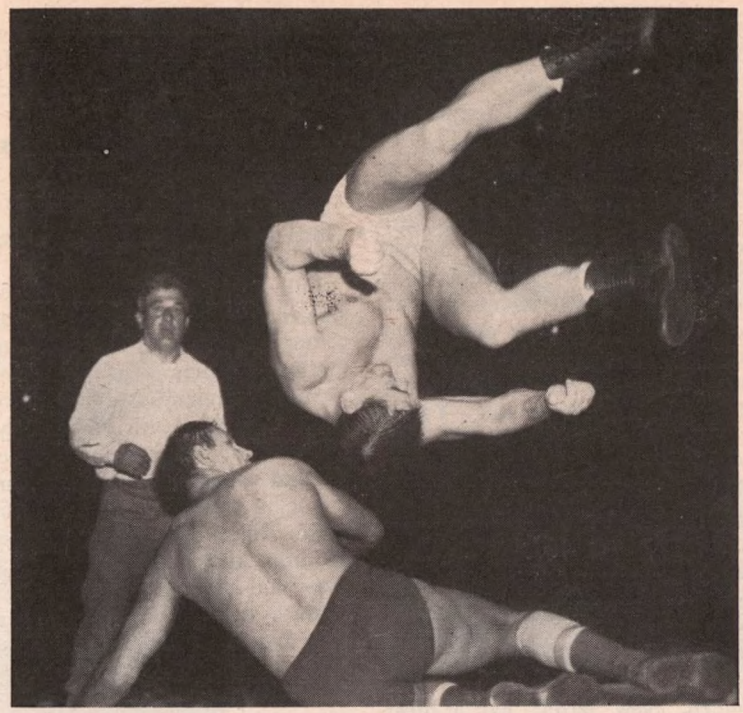
In June 1955 he made his debut after watching a wrestling tournament at Frankfort. He surprised the promoter with his well-trained physique and the spectators with wins over such famed men like Max Degohm, Gerry de Jager, the villain J K, Iska Khan Tiki and even Pat Curry. After being discharged from the Air Force he soon became a wrestler in demand.

He now is wrestling under the banner of Gustl Kaiser, former champion wrestler, and has made great strides, demonstrated by wins over Abel Cestac, Eduardo Castillo, Fritz Müller, Rudi Schumacher, Geoff Portz, Paul Berger and Wolfgang Ehrl.

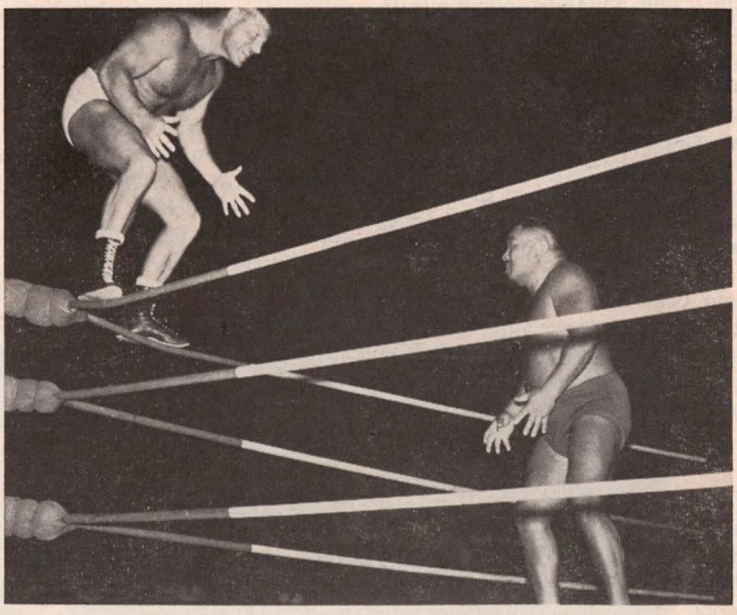
Sincerely yours,
Gerhard Schaefer

Dear Mr. Loubet:

On a recent visit to the U. S. A., I saw a good deal of women's wrestling, a sport that does not exist in England. It is magnificent entertainment. I know no greater thrill in sport than two girls, thoroughly aroused, going all out for victory. Gone are their good looks and careful grooming; in their place are courage, character and drama.



"The Frog Leap" by Frenchman Edouard Carpentier, who's up in the air and where did he land? Wladek "Killer" Kowalski hoped it wouldn't be on him . . . but it was! The match at Madison Square Garden in N. Y. was called due to the 11 PM curfew in that state.



Billy Varga of Hawaii, the Pacific Coast and other points of the compass, about to take off on another flight as The Great Togo awaits his landing. Billy came down with a swish flattening Togo who lost his breath—whish.

I was amazed at the merciless mauling a girl can take and still come back full of fight, and at the brutal and agonizing holds that are part of their routine. No one who has seen, as I have, a girl wrestling for 20 minutes with blood streaming down her face can doubt the reality and toughness of their bouts. They may, like me, dislike seeing a girl in such a state, but occasional accidents like this are a small price to pay for the superb spectacle of two good-looking girls putting themselves to the ultimate test of physical

Here we see Billy Varga in another hobby, skiing at which he is very efficient.

endurance through combat.

Through you, I salute these gallant young women.

Fred C. Crompton

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING returns to Camden after an absence of several long years. Headline matmen who will show their mat wares on the padded mat of Camden's old National Guard Armory are Joe Montana, one of the best and most scientific wrestlers in the world and a denizen of Camden, plus Harry Lewis, Dominic Doganiero, George Macricostas, the Great Scott, Vince Sinatra, Yukon Eric, Tarzan Kowalski, "Dutch" Rosen, Abe Coleman, "Tiger" Joe Marsh, "Dutch" Holland, Aldo Venutti, Primo Carnera, "Gorgeous" George, Mike Kilonis, Mike Lellis, "Dutch" Heffner, Whipper Billy Watson, Lou Thesz, Chief Don Eagle, Kit Fox, "Ruffie" Silverstein, Tony Morelli, George Tragas, Antonio Rocca, Rickie Starr and Dr. Jerry Graham.

Camden, New Jersey, has a great wrestling history tradition behind it and its favorite and most beloved favorite wrestling son is, of course, Joe Montana, the man of a thousand holds in toto. Joe Montana set the gate attendance record in Camden when he drew nearly fifteen thousand fans per match when he wrestled The Golden Terror, Joe Banaski, Hans Steinke and John Kilonis. The performances of the great Ernie Dusek made Camden history when Ernie wrestled his series of matches with beloved and now deceased Joe Cox of Kansas. Ernie Dusek's mat battles with Joe Cox and Cliff Olson will be indelibly inscribed in Camden's long wrestling history, a city where both the great Hackenschmidt and Bert Assarai performed in their American tours.

DENNY HALL PROFILE
By Bob Utter

A former high school wrestler heading for the top of the mat heap is Denny Hall, of New Castle, Ind., who, with his tremendous frame, needs only experience to become a headliner.

Born in Anderson, Ind., 22 years ago, Hall stands 5 feet, 11 inches in height and scales a muscular 205 pounds. He has speed to burn and is smart and elusive.

Being an all-around athlete in high school, Denny was active in football, baseball and wrestling. He was taught the in's and out's of the game by Everett Hoppess, an ex-professional wrestler from Anderson.

A newcomer in the profession of hard knocks, Hall has met but very few major mat names but doesn't hesitate to say, *"I would like to win the junior heavyweight championship of the world."*

Hall selects watching television as his favorite form of recreation with weightlifting his second choice. His favorite foods are french fries, hamburgers and milk.

MARK LEWIN, RISING STAR
By Viola G. May

Mark, the youngest of the three wrestling Lewins, including Donn and Ted, is the all American boy.

Full of charm, poise and ease, with amazing technique, this 22 year old young Sampson has literally taken over the arenas wherever he performs.

With a weight of 235 lbs., 6 ft. 2 inches in height, his black curly hair, pearly teeth and beguiling smile, fans old and young have accepted him.

For his size, his greatest ring asset is speed. He is aggressive and specializes in drop kicks, head scissors, atomic drops and all legal holds.

Since turning pro four and a half years ago, Mark has made rapid strides.

Mark began amateur wrestling when he was 13 years old. He played football, did weight lifting and a great deal of swimming while attending Lafayette High School in Buffalo. The Lewin family maintain Buffalo as their residence.

It was always his desire and ambition to become a wrestler. With the help of his brothers and Ed Don George, well known promoter, he worked and trained diligently. When the three Lewins happen to be on the same card, or in the arena at the same time, it's obvious that close family ties and brotherly love exist. One watches out for the other like a mother hen over her brood.

Steak and duck are his favorite foods and he dislikes gay or gaudy ring attire. In matches not too far apart he can be seen with one or all of the brothers or alone, driving a swanky car of the latest model. He is interested in real estate investments and acts as assistant zoo keeper to Donn's menagerie.

Mark's first pro match was in California. Since then, he has appeared in most of the 48 states, Canada and Newfoundland.

Individually or collectively the Lewins are classed among the best performers in the business.

Mark has a thorough knowledge of judo and uses it effectively.

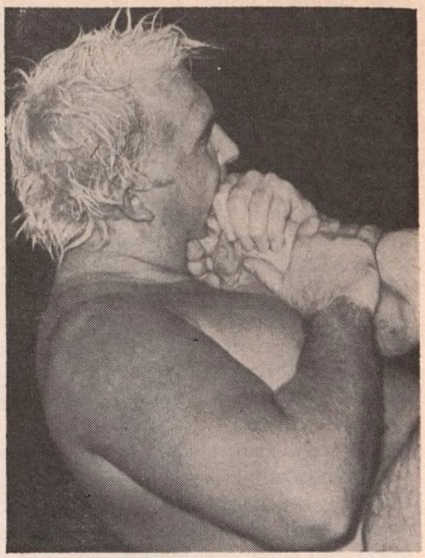
One minor neck injury and the usual bruises and cuts is about all that Mark has to report.

If by chance you mistake Mark for one of Hollywood's movie actors, it will come as no surprise because Mark has all the requirements.

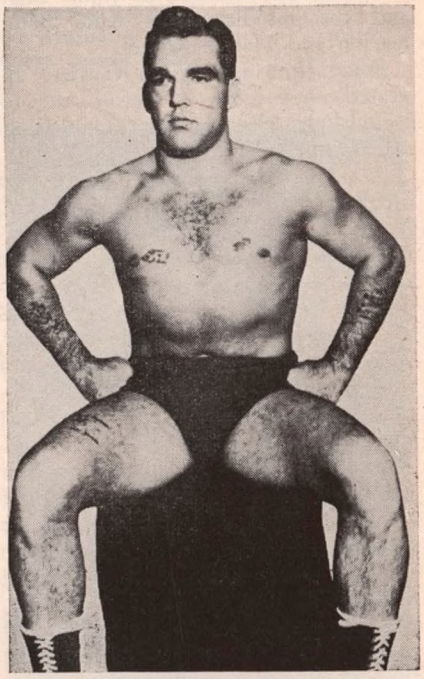
One of America's most promising mat stars, Mark is a credit to the sport of wrestling.

PACIFIC COAST
By Ed Briggs

On the spot report from California:



"I like meat!" or is it feet? Dr. Jerry Graham takes a smitchen off the big toe of Antonino Rocca in their match won by Rocca despite Graham's cannibalistic tendencies.



Rocky Monroe, 225 pounder, who stands 5' 11" tall. Has black hair and black eyes. Fan Club president Zola Ayres, 1528 S. E. River Side Drive, Evansville, Indiana.

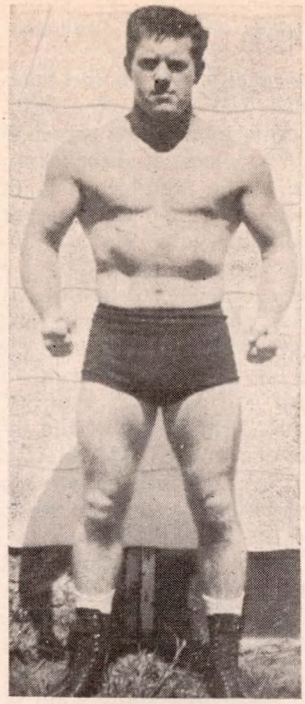
Frank Manfredo, California referee and sport enthusiast, one of the best "third men" in the business.

Sky High Lee, giant Texas wrestler from San Antonio, returned to west coast wrestling wars after a long absence. Lee, now living in Canada, returned to coast action after a tour of Hawaii, New Zealand, and Australia.

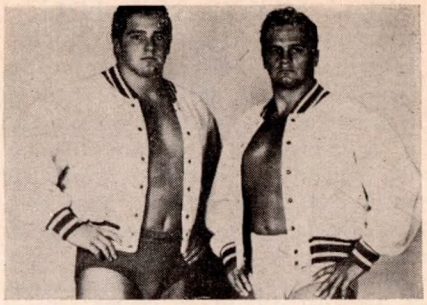
Congratulations are in order for young dropkick sensation, Ramon Torres. Our hats are off to the young brother of veteran Enrique Torres on winning the title from Mike Sharpe last October. . . . Sonny Myers is apparently laying claim to the North American Heavyweight mat title. Wonder if US champion Wilbur Snyder agrees with him? As stated in an earlier column, Billy Varga, a great wrestler working out of Los Angeles, is being billed in his home area as American Champion. . . . Word has it that Gino Garibaldi will be returning to California. Here's hoping that it is true, as we would like to see Gino and son Leo team up again. Several years ago, this father and son duo made tag team history by their workings in the ring. Our old friend Leo Garibaldi is back in California after a brief Washington and Oregon tour. . . Stan Kowalski, big Canadian from Montreal, is showing his wares in northern California. Big Stan, a former Southern States champ, looks mighty good and bears watching . . . The Great Kato, alias Oyama Kato, is the biggest box office attraction to hit the San Francisco-Fresno circuit in many seasons. He's an expert in judo, farate, sumo, and catch-as-catch-can wrestling and is hard to tame . . . Art Michalik, great ex-footballer from Chicago, is looking better than ever in his matches since his retirement from professional football. He has several major mat victories to his credit and thanks to west coast matchmakers, Frank Malcewicz and Al Dermer, agile Art is getting some good bouts . . . Steve Strelich presented the first midget-heavyweight combination tag team match in California last November and from all reports, it was well received . . . Sandor Szabo is back in action after a layoff and doing well.

Now entering his 28th year as a wrestling referee is ex-boxer Frank Manfredo. Born in the small coal mining area of Clearfield County, Penna., Manfredo has the distinction of being the dean of California referees. He has been the third man in boxing contests for 32 years and during this time has officiated matches for many internationally famous matmen and boxers. Frank figures that he has refereed about 5,000 wrestling bouts. The best boys he has officiated for, in his estimation, are Gus Sonnenberg, Jimmy Londos, Ed (Strangler) Lewis, Dean Detton, Billy Hansen, Ted Cox, Pete Visser, Enrique Torres, Mike and Ben Sharpe, Lou Thesz, Larry Moquin, Jumping Joe Savoldi, Jim Browning and Ronnie Etchison. He no doubt has missed out others equally as good as those mentioned.

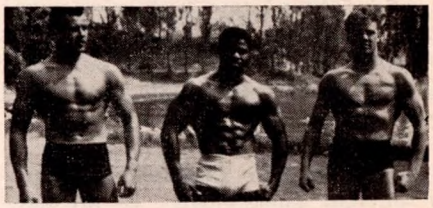
"The best tag units," he said, were and are the Sharpe brothers, Torres brothers, Ronnie Etchison and Enrique Torres, and Chris and Babe Zaharias." The ex-boxing star stated that of all the matches he had officiated, the heavyweights provided the most action. However, he said that the light heavies are good workers and give the fans a terrific show. He rates LeRoy McGuirk, Wild Red Berry, Paavo Katonen, Danny McShain and Dude Chick as his pick as the best junior heavies to see action in the ring. Young Bobby Ford of Ohio was rated highly before his forced retirement a few years ago. Ford suffered a broken neck in a match which ended his career.



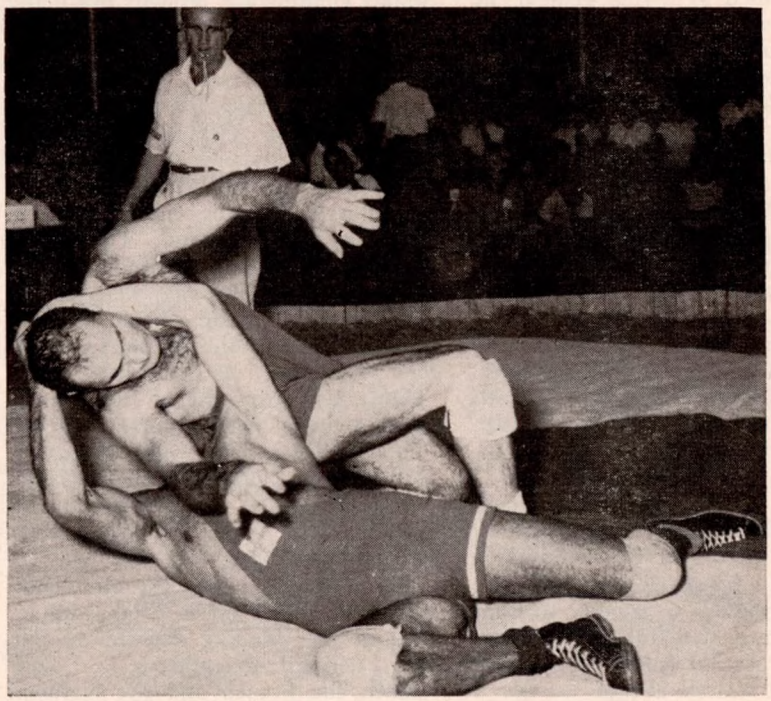
Denny Hall of Newcastle, Indiana, who is 22 years of age and weighs 205 pounds. A comer.



Left to right: Mark and Don Lewin, two of three wrestling brothers known to mat fans in all 48 states.



James Brown (center) from Long Island, N. Y., currently making good in German rings. Seen with him are (left) Horst Hoffmann and (right) Werner Lehmann, two young German grapplers showing promise.



A match snapped at the Jewish Olympic Games held recently at Tel Aviv. Finland's Ruben, (lower) and Canada's Rubi Leibovich went at it fast and furious with the Finlander winning on points.

WHO FIGHTS FOR FUN?

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Maybe their bouts brought them a certain amount of glory and esteem in the neighborhoods in the old days, and the cauliflower ear and the bent nose were trademarks that were worn like medals. It was in a sense, good business, especially if you owned a bar or a gym.

But today's fighter wouldn't be caught dead with those medals pinned to his features and he is willing to trade on his bank balance, a good, intelligent business connection he can make, or a sound investment he can latch on to.

Jimmy McLarnin, elsewhere in this issue, is quoted as saying of his son, "I will discourage the boy if he shows any tendency toward professional boxing."

Why, you ask?

Jimmy's funless philosophy is, "It's a different game today. In my day, the money you made, you could keep."

The Southern California Boxing Guild recently served notice on promoters that a strike would be called unless preliminary boys were raised from $65 for four rounds to $75.

Who fights for fun? Not even the four round boys!

WHICH FIGHT DID MUSHY CALLAHAN SEE?

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MEXICAN PERMITTED HALIMI TO TAKE PLAY FROM HIM

Macias seemed to be fighting Halimi's fight most of the way. A smart boxer, esteemed as a ring general, he let Alphonse take the play away from him. The taller by two inches, it was expected that his left jab would play a prominent part; that he would do lots of leading.

But the chunky Halimi ducked under the jab, scored heavily with body blows. He tore in like a little bull, but Raton failed to qualify in the role of a matador. This was one scrap in which the bull triumphed over the bull-fighter.

Checking over the officials' scorecards, I found that in only six of the fifteen rounds were they unanimous. All three gave Macias the seventh round. All three gave Halimi the fourth, fifth, eleventh, thirteenth and fourteenth.

In other words, California officials are just as likely to differ as those in New York, Illinois, or Pennsylvania.

Dynamite Jackson, one of the judges, attributed a goodly part of Halimi's victory to telling body blows. And it is true that from the eleventh round on, it was all Halimi.

Thus was an idol toppled off his pedestal. No Mexican fighter in the history of boxing across the border ever before was so highly esteemed there.

There was cruelty, too, in the treatment accorded Macias after the fight. Those who came to cheer remained to jeer. There was a look of disbelief on Raton's face as he stumbled out of the ring. In the dressing-room, he wept salty tears, unashamedly. He was disconsolate. But he was honest, too.

"The only reason I lost" he said, in Spanish, "was because Halimi was better tonight. He put the pressure on me. I would like to fight him again, to redeem myself and Mexico."

Halimi had all the better of the infighting. He maneuvered Macias into close quarters every chance he got. He was stronger, physically; and he made good use of his strength.

Possibly Macias was off-form. It is strange that the only two defeats on his record were suffered in Los Angeles. In 1955, he was knocked out by Billy Peacock at the Olympic, and now defeated in the most important scrap of his career in the same ring. For the Olympic ring was erected at Wrigley Field.

Most of the readers of The Ring must have seen the fracas on television. The fight was blacked out locally for a radius of some 300 miles.

About 95 percent of the spectators here were Latins. Some 9,000 came up from Old Mexico—by plane, bus, auto, and truck, and some hardy individualists even thumbed their way into L.A.

It was a colorful scrap in other ways. There were organized cheering sections —in Spanish.

The local Mexican consul-general, Adolfo Dominguez, brought down the house when he entered the ring, prior to the fray, and made this announcement, in Spanish:

"Don't tear up the place. Leave something for O'Malley and the Dodgers." There was a mixed reception; some cheered, some booed.

Visitors from across the border were garbed in colorful attire. There were Mexicans in vaquero costumes, packing pistols. I doubt if they were loaded. The pistols, I mean. There was no question about many of the vaqueros; they were loaded to the gills.

One gent from below the border toted a huge fighting-cock into the ring and gave it some rough treatment. He tossed it aloft and caught it like Yogi Berra when it came down. He even gave it to Macias for a toss—supposedly to bring him luck.

Raton threw it into the air, obediently, but didn't do as good a job as Yogi in the catching department. He had a handful of feathers.

Both the French and the National anthems were played when the bantams entered the ring. As an afterthought, somebody suggested that they play the Star Spangled Banner—probably in honor of Mushy Callahan, the only American in the ring. That of course, was before the fight.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

SAN ANTONIO, JIMMY SCARAMOZI, PROMOTER:—SANTIAGO GUTIERREZ, SAN ANTONIO'S ROUGH AND READY brawler, scored a sensational eight round knockout over Eloy Tellez Vann, although outweighed some 12½ pounds. Santiago scaled 163, Tellez 175½. Frank Valdez, 124½, San Antonio, looked sharp in winning a six rounder from the veteran Israel (Joe O'Toole) Garza, 127, San Antonio. Valdez bears watching. Jesse Gutierrez, 130, San Antonio, hammered out a close one over stiff socking Ray Gonzales, 135, Del Rio. Armando Morales, 130, San Antonio, stopped Raul San Miguel, 128, San Antonio, in the second round. An exhibition between girl gladiators Phyllis Kugler, 113½, and Barbara Buttrick, 90, was on the list of the evening's entertainment.

▶ **Corpus Christi, Coastal Bend Boxing Club, Promoters:**—Henry Miramontes, the thin thumper from Dallas, regained the State bantamweight title he had lost a few month's back to Rudy Valdez, by gaining a 12-round decision over Rudy this time. Henry tipped the beam at 118, Rudy at 116½. Kenny Shields, 136, Dallas, continues to impress with a six round decision over Don Glenn, 139, Austin. Louis Skrobarczyk, 155, Corpus Christi, stopped Roosevelt Taylor, 154, Corpus Christi, in two rounds. Skrobarczyk has been at it for about 11-years now. Roy Donaldson, 150, Corpus Christi, decisioned Ernest Davis, 146, Corpus Christi, in a fast four. Nick Lara, 119, Corpus Christi, beat Bruce Garcia, 118, Corpus Christi, in the four round opener.

▶ **Houston, Texas Boxing Enterprises, Promoters:**—The fellow to watch in the heavyweight division is Cleveland Williams—he's on the move, and there's no more dynamic puncher in the game today than big Cleve. In his second top billing locally he drew $7,500, and this despite a nine inch rain the day before, and the day of the fight. Cleve's opponent on this nite was another puncher, John Holman of Chicago, but he is not in the same league with the Georgia farm boy who now calls Houston home when it comes to belting. It was a darned good heavyweight fight. It was all over at 2:12 of the seventh round. A whistling left hook brought Holman to his tiptoes, and he started to fall, he hung there in space for a second, just long enough for Williams to crash home a tremendous right hand wallop to the whiskers. It was the 37th victory, 33rd by kayo, in 39 pro fights for Williams.

In the under ten, Aldo Mente, 135, Niagara Falls, N. Y., boxed his way to a 10-round decision by the closest of margins over roly poly Ray Portilla, 142, Houston. Dean Bogany, 177½, Houston, won over Tommy "Hurricane" Sims, 170, Los Angeles, in another close one. Armando Flores, 143¼, Houston, and Manuel Gonzales, 142¼, Odessa, went at it hammer and tong for six exciting rounds and the verdict was a draw. Jimmy Leach, 149, veteran Daytona Beach scrapper, stopped a game Curtis Woolwine, 144½, Beaumont, in the fourth of a six rounder—

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

IN A CLOSE, FAST PACED TEN ROUND MAIN EVENT, Danny Kid, 118¾, of the Philippines eked out a split decision over ranking Billy Peacock, 119¼, of Los Angeles at the Civic Auditorium. The decision could have gone either way. Under the recently adopted 5 point system, Referee Walter Cho and Judge Alex Long favored the Kid 47-45 and 48-45; while Judge Louis Preitas had Peacock winning 46-44. Judge Long later admitted a scoring error by which he had given the Kid two extra points. The fight was that close.

With the fight all but lost, Danny Kid made an amazing rally. He outboxed and outpunched Peacock in the ninth and also won the tenth by still a bigger margin. However, there was no doubt that Peacock was the harder puncher and the aggressor throughout the fight.

1,948 fans paid a gross of $4,120.00 to witness the fight, promoted by Boxing Enterprises, Ltd.

Yoichi Suzuki, 134¾, decisioned Ray Carvalho, 134, in the 5 round semi-final for his 4th straight win. Baby Ortiz, 116¾, beat Walter Kinoshita, 117, 4 rounds.

RATINGS

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Haywood Johnson bested Mike Campbell, 6, Mike then beat Leo Owens, 6. Little Archie Moore and Kid Roughhouse, drew, 6. Leroy Flamond kayoed Bernie Giron, 3. Fletcher Lee kayoed Ernie Gipson, 2. Ralph Stokes kayoed Willie Bey, 2. Al Lortez won over Tony Moss, 6. Vince Martinez stopped Ramon Tiscareno, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Virgil Akins kayoed Tony DeMarco, 14.

Gaspar Ortega edged out Kid Gavilan, 12. Jimmy Archer outslugged Tony DeCola, 10.

European champion Emilio Marconi kayoed Ziyaris Taki, 2, but lost to Seraphin Ferrer, 10 (non-title). Miguel Diaz decisioned Ismael Espana, 10. Adalberto Ochoa upset Martiniano Pereyra, 10. Peter Waterman eked out a win over Ben Buker, 10. Willie Morton decisioned Kid Centella, 10, and halted Steve Tony, 8. Frankie Belma stopped Joey Dorondo, 8.

Stan Harrington outpointed Lem Miller, 10. Paulo DeJesus kayoed Perico Garcia, 3. Willie Stevenson decisioned Teddy Davis, 10, and Al Jones, 6. Julian Valdez scored over Billy Brown, 10. Jimmy Peters upset Kid Fichique, 10.

Samart Sorndaeng outpointed Rocky Kalingo, 10. Baby Concer kayoed Kid Orizaba, 5. Jorge Fernandez kayoed Luis Salinas, 4. Giuseppe Marotto drew with Epiphane Akono, 10. Paolo Melis decisioned Amen Peck, 10. Luciano Gonzalez kayoed Juan Reyes, 4. Enrique Esqueda kayoed Apolinar Huerta, 2, but was kayoed by lightweight Ezequiel Uribe, 7.

Rudy Sawyer kayoed Joe Walcott, 2. Roque Cejas decisioned Vicente Panzani, 10. Canguro Martinez beat Octavio Salas, 10. Tony Veranis kayoed Al Duarte, 6, and Johnny Taylor, 3. Jimmy McCoy beat Burt Singer, 6. Arturo Gonzalez and Alberto Billaflor drew, 10.

Ray Lancaster defeated Bob Kennedy, 8. Antonio Marcilla kayoed Carlos Lucero, 1. Al Barraza outpointed Babe Ortiz, 10. Jerry Conrad outscored Rudy Pasco, 8. Ray Terrazas stopped Mario Driguez, 4, and upset Herbie Rodriguez, 10.

Eddie Lynch won from Yvon Turenne, 10. Bertram Bailey defeated Bill Flamio, 6. Gene Tortorice defeated Joe Damiano, 6.

Jake Josato decisioned Julines Rhodes, 8. Roy Steele whipped Doug Ono, 8. Manuel Castro defeated Daladier Urista, 8. Rudell Stitch kayoed Kid Chocolate, 4.

Dennis Moyer won from Russell Davis, 8. Dale Davis halted Jimmy Lane, 3. Jackson Brown defeated Charlie Yates, 8. Joe Fusco decisioned Pat O'Brien, 6. Allan McKay beat Len Sparks, 6. Ed Perkins won over Carlo Sarlo, 6.

Don Vincent kayoed Joe Jackson, 3. Bob Murphy bested Al Duarte, 8. Don McDonnell knocked out Ray Tyler, 5, and outpointed Les Harrison, 12. Richie Johnson defeated Herman Blackeney, 6.

Fletcher Lee stopped Dave Gottschalk, 2. Marty Byrne kayoed Frank Murphy, 1, and George Dillon, 2. Pedro Perez kayoed Jamie Gutierrez, 3.

Herman Fandel kayoed Memo Bojorquez, 3. Cheffy Reyna kayoed Henry Wilson, 4. Johnny McKoin whipped Vernon Franks, 6. Frankie Brown won from Kid Rayo, 6. Joe Archer bested Paulie Griffin, 6. Bobbie Barrett kayoed Joe Walker, 1. Jose Salcedo decisioned Idrissa Dione, 10. Elis Ask returned to ring after long layoff to draw with Roger Prigent, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World champion Joe Brown outpointed Kid Centilla, 10, (non-title). Duilio Loi outscored Marcel Dupre, 10. Bonnie Espinosa decisioned Lem Miller, 10.

Kenny Lane outfought Orlando Zulueta, 10.

British Empire champion Willie Toweel stopped Jose Hernandez, 9.

Al Nevarez kayoed Manuel Baptists, 4. Cisco Andrades stopped Jorge Macias, 9.

Johnny Busso decisioned Gale Kerwin, 10. Ezequiel Uribe kayoed Enrique Esqueda, 7. Gabriel (Flash) Elorde won the Philippine title by outpointing Leo Alonzo, 12. Rafael Lastre decisioned Baby Cochet, 10.

Bobby Scanlon stopped former champion Wallace (Bud) Smith, 10. Armando Baragano beat Al Robinson, 10, but lost to Orlando Echevarria, 10. Marcelo Vargas kayoed Chivo Diaz, 7. Australian champion George Bracken stopped Sammy Bonnici, 8. Argentine titleholder Jaime Gine decisioned Andres Osorio, 10.

Antonio Ramirez kayoed Luis Contreras, 2. Tommy Tibbs whipped Frankie Ippolito, 10. Damaso Collazo kayoed Henry (Toothpick) Brown, 5.

Al Urbina halted Ranchero Ruiz ,2. Rocky Randell defeated Jesse Humphries, 10. Ludwig Lightburn returned to action after a year's layoff and outpointed Gilberto Holguin, 10.

Horacio Otis kayoed Enrique Perea, 10, to win the Panama championship. Arnoldo Gil defeated Billy Greaves, 10, and won on a Technical decision over Juanito Martinez, 9. Charley Douglas stopped Johnny Gorman, 1. Julio Escobedo stopped Tobe Penaloza, 3, but lost to Beto Gonzalez, 10. Fidel Lucero beat Lalo Duque, 10. Larry Armstead kayoed Willie Estes, 2. Annibale Omodei lost to featherweight Cherif Hamia, 10. Paulito Escarlan stopped Danny Rubia, 3.

Juan Campos drew with Raul Roldan, 10. Osvaldo Paredes and Americo Bonetti drew, 10. Valentin Rangel decisioned Carlos Arregui, 10. Raul Anchondo kayoed Jesus Estrada, 1.

Raul Fuentes defeated Tomas Castillo, 10. David Camacho whipped Felipe Sosa, 10. Max Carlos edged out Bobby Sim, 12. Osvaldo Canete kayoed Rogelio Andre, 7.

Henry Gutierrez stopped Richard Enriquez, 3. George Fleming outpointed Max Murphy, 12. Kenny Shields won from Don Glenn, 6. Marvin McFarland whipped Bernie Bibbs, 8. Salvador Varela beat Pepe Montes, 10.

Billy Williams kayoed Sam Allen, 1. Al Bisbe and Wilfredo Hurst drew, 8. Ray Gonzales stopped Armando Flores, 5, but lost to Jesse Gutierrez, 6. Julian Perez defeated Rollie Garcia, 8. Little Firpo beat Joe Chavez, 6.

Rafael Azuaga halted Carlos Quintana, 2. Bernie Jones defeated Iggy Maldonado, 6. Joe Nacho won over Carlos Tamayo, 8, Carlos also lost to Liu Chaney, 8. Gato Felix beat Toro Carranza, 10. Nat Simon edged out Willard Nelson, 6. Bobby Hyland outpointed Johnny Wheeler, 12.

Tony Villa won over Raul Torres, 8. Tony Pardon bested Schoolboy Leyva, 8. Baby Sagarra defeated Carlos Chivas, 8. Orlando Gonzalez defeated Tony Lamelas, 6. Joe Parks beat Paul Smith, 6. Ray Martinez won from Halcon Romero, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Paul Jorgensen outpointed Victor (Sonny) Hoen, 10. Jean Sneyers defeated Francis Bonnardel, 10.

European Champion Cherif Hamia trounced lightweight Anibale Omoedi, 10.

Davey Moore outscored Jose Cotero, 10.

Fili Nava decisioned Ernesto Figueroa, 10.

Mexican champion Victor Manuel Quijano retained his title by beating Kid Anahuac, 10. Manuel Alvarez and Manuel Garcia Delgado drew, 10. Graham van der Walt retained South African title by polishing off Mickey Ravell, 2, and stopping Pat van Biljon, 12.

Mauro Vazquez kayoed bantamweight Claudio Adame, 3. Junior Flores outpointed Henry (Pappy) Gault, 10. Andre Valignat outpointed Juan Alvarez, 10. Vince Delgado upset Alfredo Escobar, 10, but lost to Jorge Manjarrez, 10. Gene Smith halted Saxey Robinson, 2. Americo Rivera defeated Chucho Mejia, 12.

Orlando Castillo bested Huesito Gonzalez, 10. Pedro Miranda outscored Luis Pepe, 10, and stopped Chilean champion Roberto Lobos, 8.

Auburn Copeland stopped Jimmy Feaster, 6, and Bobby Gray, 5. Kid Aztequita kayoed Babe Zarate, 7, and upset Felipe Sosa, 10. Manuel Varela outpointed Chino Gonzalez, 8. Cesar Saavedra defeated Cachorro Meza, 10, and kayoed Chale Medina, 3.

Joaquin Carrillo edged out Bombin Kiriz, 10. Salvador Mares edged out Maxie Trero, 10. Wally Livingston decisioned Jimmy DeMura, 8. Gabriel Navarro defeated Tono Geria, 8. Vicente Bezzoni defeated Osvaldo Vargas, 10. Pat McCarthy defeated Johnny Johnikin, 8, and Bobby Soares, 8.

Emilio Olivares halted Yuyin Trejo, 4. Luis Trejo stopped Enrique Castillo, 4. Arnulfo Palomares stopped Aurelio Mora, 7. Juan Carlos Molina kayoed Oscar Mores, 4. Guillermo Mendoza drew with Cepsar Vega, 10.

Eddie Gaspora halted Joaquin Veloz, 4. Frank Valdez defeated Israel Garza, 6, Garza won from Joaquin Segoviano, 6. Sammy Bombiano kayoed Earl Warren, 2, and Hernando Gonzales, 8.

Angel Garcia defeated Chico Medina, 10. Luis Sanchez kayoed Alfonso Mendoza, 2, and Jesus Lopez, 1. Hilario Morales kayoed Gilberto Nolasco, 6. Louis Poncy won from Moustique Meslem on disqualification, 6.

Wilfredo Gonzalez won on a foul from Baby Rosales, 4, but lost to Joaquin Castillo, 8. Roberto Murillo whipped Arturo Smith, 6. Len Mathews kayoed Charles Carter, 3. Bobby Robledo halted Joey Augustine, 3. Harold Smith defeated Leroy Grant, 6. Juan Garcia stopped Lucio Hidalgo, 5. Spanish Champion Manolo Garcia kayoed Rudi Christiens, 4.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World champion Alphonse Halimi retained his title by outpointing Raul (Raton) Macias, 15.

Former world champion Mario D'Agata knocked out Federico Scarponi, 8, in elimination for vacant European title.

Jose Lopez kayoed Ernesto Parra, 1, and Johnny Gonzalez, 4. Ross Padilla upset German Ohm, 10. Manuel Armenteros kayoed Dusty Brown, 3.

Al Wilcher stopped Pimi Barajas, 8.

Dwight Hawkins halted Felix Cervantes, 8, lost to Kid Irapueto, 10, then scored a big upset by stopping Joe Beccera, 4. Edwin Sykes decisioned Toto Ibarra, 10. Henry Miramontes regained Texas title by outscoring Rudy Valdez, 12.

Eduardo Guerrero defeated Manuel Rodriguez, 10. Genaro Serafin whipped Ramon Gonzalez, 10. Carlos Cardoso halted Roque Fernandez, 5.

Eloy Sanchez whipped Chuy Guerrero, 10. Claudio Adame kayoed Panchito Moreno, 2, Gallito Rivera, 3, but was kayoed by featherweight Mauro Vasquez, 3. Guillermo Gonzalez stopped Firpito Gaytan, 3. Ernesto Miranda stopped Avelino Romero, 8.

Johnny Sarduy kayoed Ken McCurry, 3. Ray Ruiz won from Manuel Rojas, 8. Marcelo Gonzalez stopped Monito Hernandez, 4. Javier Vargas scored over Heriberto Saucedo, 10. Miguel Lazau whipped Victor Recio, 8. Hector Cuello kayoed German Escoudero, 10. Javier Garfias stopped Roberto Mar, 4.

Jose Galvan kayoed Gallito Garcia, 3, but lost to Bernardo de la Cruz, 10. Heliodoro Hernandez bested Tigre Villagran, 10. Manny Linson bested Babe Sarony, 8. Felix Gutierrez kayoed Mario Sosa, 5, and Julio Junco, 3, and beat Elias Trejo, 6. Manny Elias beat Manuel Baptista, 6. TunTun Torres kayoed Jesus Gonzalez, 5, and beat Agustin Campos, 10. Lionel Rivera and Bobby Higa drew, 6.

Reyes Castanon edged out Eduardo Santos, 6. Ramon Soto stopped Kid Chick, 2. Spanish Champion Juan Cardenas halted Stanis Sobolak, 3. Alex Jimenez beat Raul Leal, 6. Victor Garcia defeated Cuervo Salinas, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

Dommy Ursua stopped Nacho Escalante, and Johnny Jarrett, 1.

Dennis Adams kayoed Frankie Jones in 3 to win the British Empire title. Oscar Suarez kayoed Mario de Leon, 5.

Vic Campo won the Philippine title by defeating Larry Pineda, 12. Joe Medel won over bantamweight David Rodriguez, 10.

Jimmy Abeyta halted Abe Villa, 2. Spanish Champion Jose Ogozon outpointed Jean Guerrard, 10.

Juanito Mendoza whipped Beto Viesca, 10, but lost to Ray Ruiz, 10. Blackie Robinson won over Baby Damelliones, 8. Carlos Miranda kayoed Juan Romo, 9.

Romy Sison drew with Viva Zapata, 6. Chucho Hernandez beat Eleazar Gonzalez, 6, and stopped Tibico Torres, 2, Torres had kayoed Angel Jimenez, 3. Tony Contreras bested Pulga Sanchez, 8. Miguel Ulloa won from Jose Guerrero, 6, and Pepe Acevedo, 6.

Little Romulo outpointed Vic Seminiano, 8. Ernesto Villalon defeated Jess de Leon, 6. Salvator Chong kayoed Humberto Ohm, 2. Sabino Mendez kayoed Juanito Rivera, 7. Estaban Martin decisioned Carlos Ferrante, 10. Aristide Pozzali drew with Ben Ali, 10.

NEBRASKA NOTES

By Charles Van Fleet

ON NOVEMBER 7, PROFESSIONAL BOXING RETURNED TO THE OMAHA Civic Auditorium with a bang. Promoter Joe Smogye put on a sizzling show that allowed few dull moments for some 2200 fans gathered together for the revival.

Billy Tyree, 176, an unsung local light-heavy, fought Wayne Womochil from gong to gong, making his heavier rival glad to accept a draw for his evening's chores. Womochil, 187, who might be described as a saber wielder, did most of the leading and heavy punching, although many of his wild swings damaged nothing but air. A draw was in good order.

It has been the opinion of this writer for years that Wayne could be a top heavyweight. He has color, endurance, punch and a granite chin, besides an uncommonly fine physique. He is the type fighter who can flatten an opponent with one punch from either hand. Unfortunately, he seems to be unwilling to learn his trade.

In an opening four, Russell Grothe, a local heavy at 195, had too much all-round class for Jim Cowell, 198, of Sioux City, who did not come out for round three.

In an entertaining six, Lou Cappellano, 136, Omaha, made his most impressive appearance of the year in beating Will Harris, 135, Chicago.

Harold McDonald, Omaha, 143, took a substitute for Kid Chocolate, and got a bad bargain in Elmer Shippe, 150, Peoria, Ill.

In the semi-final six, Sonny Ray, 172, of Chicago, punched George Blackstone, 173, around pretty good for three rounds, and the local boxer's corner wisely refused to let their boy out for four.

▶ Undefeated Joe Parks, Omaha lightweight, beat Paul Smith in a semi to the Giardello-Greaves show in Denver recently.

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THEY CALL HIM TOMBSTONE

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a welterweight; in fact "Tombstone" told me that he weighed 151 when he enlisted, which is four pounds over the welter limit.

"Navy chow was good", he reminisced. "I ate as well as the next guy, and believe me that next guy could eat plenty. But somehow or other, I didn't pick up weight. In fact, I weigh less today that I did when I enlisted."

"With your height", it was suggested, "you'll probably be a middleweight, or even a light-heavy. How about it? Is your family given to heft, as well as height?"

"Well", said Smith, thoughtfully, "my brothers were tall and slim until they passed the mid-twenties. Then they began to pick up weight. Maybe that will happen to me."

Meanwhile, Smith has no trouble making 147 and plans to continue fighting in that division until he gets a crack at the title. He is optimistic about it, and has reason to be.

This optimism is justified. Here is how The Ring rated him, this past year. In the April issue, 1957, "Tombstone" won recognition as a top-tenner —the elite of Fistiana. In April, he was No. 10; in the May, June and July issues, he had been boosted to No. 8; in the August issue, he was No. 7; the same in September. In October his stock took another jump; he was No. 5. And in the November issue he is listed as No. 4.

As a pro, starting in 1954, "Tombstone" has engaged in 31 fights, won 27, 18 by knockouts, nine by decision. He lost four, including his first pro scrap, when he was stopped by Danny Perez. But two of those four defeats—Perez and Charley Sawyer—have since been reversed.

"How did you get that tag of "Tombstone?" Smith was asked. He grinned broadly.

"We used to hold smokers aboard the Helena", he said. "I was pretty lucky, scored quite a few knockouts. It made a hit with the gang in my gun crew—we served a 40 M.M. gun—and they used to brag about my punching power.

"One night, I was paired with a fellow named Dempsey—not Jack", he added, hastily. "He was a big guy, outweighed me about 15 pounds. Just as we got into the ring, one of the lads in my gun-crew, known as "Silent" because he could split your ear-drums, yelled out:

"'Hey, hey! Here comes Charley Smith. Better get a tombstone ready for Mr. Dempsey!'"

"There was a big laugh. Well, I nailed Dempsey with a right hand and knocked him out. From then on, my gang called me 'Tombstone,' and the name was picked up by my shipmates until finally everybody forgot my first name was Charley. I've been 'Tombstone' ever since."

Charley recently completed a ten-month course in the Moler Barber College, Los Angeles, and is now awaiting the State Board examination. If he passes that exam, he becomes an apprentice-barber, and after 18 months in that category he'll take another exam, this time for master-barber.

"How come you picked out that trade?" he was asked. "Any of your folks in that business?"

"Nope", he said. "I'll tell you: I'm a G.I. I get paid to go to school. With time on my hands, and not too certain about my future in the ring, I decided to enroll in Barber College. Now I'm real glad."

"You should be", the interviewer said. "With haircuts $2 a copy in Los Angeles."

Charley's hobby, when he was in the Navy, was photography. He was quite good. In fact, he was proud of the fact that he won a photog competition aboard the Helena—got a medal, $65 in cash, and his picture taken with the commanding officer, Captain James E. Cohn.

"Do you still follow photography?"

"No; don't have the time", he said. "Anyway, I was just a good amateur."

"How many fights did you have in the Navy, Tombstone?"

"Oh, golly; I reckon 34 or 35. Lost two. But I did some amateur boxing, too. Once, when we were in dry-dock at Bremerton Navy Yard, near Seattle, I won the Seattle Golden Gloves title —that was in 1953. And then I won the Yakima Golden Belt, in Yakima, Washington, too. All in all, I think I had about 43 amateur bouts, losing 3."

"How many knockouts?"

"Don't remember. About 24 or so, I guess."

Asked whether he was disappointed in not being included among the "contenders" selected by Helfand and his fellow-members, "Tombstone" replied:

"Oh, I don't mind not being listed as a contender. Not if I can get selected for some of those juicy television shots. You know, I've never got any big-money purses. Lucky for me that I've got my barber's diploma to fall back on. But I sure would like to get a crack at some of those top-number guys."

"Tombstone" is well liked by West Coast fight fans. He has the ability to flatten foes with a single wallop—a pretty good asset to a ringster.

Incidentally, speaking of the only defeat suffered by "Tombstone" Smith in his last 19 fights—the one to Charley Joseph, middleweight—the Los Angeles TIMES boxing reporter for that fight, Al Wolf, scored it 98-93, in favor of Smith.

Fight fans would do well to keep an eye on the progress of this likeable young fellow—even if he does sport a mustache. But it isn't much of a mustache.

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of a packed Madison Square Garden. A close look at the figures in the ring shows that it is not a fight but a wrestling match, one of the increasing number in the Garden which have not been televised and which have played to sell-out crowds.

The only comparable crowd in the Garden this year for boxing was on January 2 when Gene Fullmer defeated Ray Robinson for the title. The place was jammed with 18,134 persons paying $194,645. But the New York and Philadelphia areas were blacked out. Television rights brought in $100,000.

All other fights in the Garden this year have been drawing attendances of about only 2,500, the largest being 4,204 for Berrios-Costa on March 22. These bouts were not blacked out.

The week following the Halimi-Macias bout another interesting match was telecast from California, Eddie Machen vs. Tommy Jackson, with the San Francisco area closed to TV. Again the results proved excellent and conclusive with the gross receipts coming to more than $50,000.

The promoters of these nationally televised fights have the "pot" under their control. All they have to do is make up their minds what they want to do with it.

CHANNEL HOPPING. . . . As of Monday, November 18, starting time for the main event from the St. Nicholas Arena, seen over the DuMont Television Network, is moved back to its original 10 P. M. from 10:30 P. M.

Fights being televised locally from Tommy Moyer's Portland (Ore.) Boxing Club every Tuesday night over KPTV.

Is this Paar for the course? Dr. Joyce Brothers who wows them on the well-timed, carefully scheduled mammoth-money quiz programs as a walking encyclopedia on boxing (I've got a photographic memory to go with my photogenic face) flubbed the dub in a guest appearance on the Jack Paar Show over NBC-TV one recent evening. . . . She beat around the bush when asked to answer when Baer beat Schmeling (I was out of town that year) and then failed to remember her Social Security number.

DELIGHTFUL FAN CLUBS

By PAT SCHNEE

WHAT'S that you say—fan clubs aren't delightful; they're a headache? Well now, that's true "sometimes," but not all of the time and certainly not most of the time. Fan clubs do give their honorary a headache when the club develops problems along the way. They get to be a headache too when the prexy doesn't get the necessary cooperation from the honorary. Ah, but in the majority of instances the honorary wouldn't trade his fan club for a chance to tie up Buddy Rogers in a Grapevine Hold, nor would the prexy exchange her club for a date with Johnny Rougeau.

Fan clubs in the wrestling field are young in years but wise in experience. To date they have held several national fan club conventions and have one already lined up for next year in Buffalo, New York.

Every year finds the fan club prexies competing with one another for the various awards given on the wrestling fan club front. Among those chalking up wins this year were the Don Eagle Club as Fan Club of the Year and the Tony Baillargeon Club for the best wrestling fan club journal of the 1956-57 season.

Mary Hasley (who prexies four wrestling fan clubs — Herb Gerwig, Jim Grabmire, Johnny Rougeau and Billy Varga) was chosen as the Fan Club Woman of the Year, while Vi Smith of the Wilbur Snyder Club won the Fan Club Official of the Year citation; Goldie Wilson of the George Hubert club snagged the Best Fan Club Display Award at the Convention.

Today, there are dozens and dozens of active clubs on the wrestling fan club front stretching from Canada to California and the wrestlers who don't have a club are somewhat looked down upon by their more fortunate wrestling brothers. No longer is it the "wrestler of tomorrow" who is most interested and anxious to have a club, those on top today make sure they have one as well. For example: Don Eagle, Vern Gagne, Don Leo Jonathan, Lord Layton, Ilio Di Paolo, Wilbur Snyder, Waldek Kowalski, Pat O'Connor, Rocca, Buddy Rogers, Johnny Rougeau, The Fabulous Moolah, Billy Varga; all these wrestlers are in the top echelon of wrestling and all have top fan clubs.

It is intriguing to note too that only one boxer has a fan club. This is a very handsome lad by the name of Jackie LaBua who can indeed be credited with breaking a tradition since it seems that boxers seldom if ever have fan clubs.

The present trend finds a terrific cross-section of the professional magazines opening their pages to the fan club set (The Ring a leader among them of course). And the fan club world has its own publication too—"International Set," which caters to the entire fan club front.

Yes, fan clubs have "gone Hollywood" and the saying among the wrestling stars now is "*without a fan club where are you*"? Yes, where are you indeed—certainly not up there in the top ten, that's for sure!

George Hubert and Goldie Wilson, President of Hubert's Fan Club.

Millie Cox, president of Tony Baillargeon Fan Club, seen posing with her honorary.

Above: Johnny Roigeau posing with Heather Brands, a president of one of Johnny's Fan Clubs. Right: Pat O'Connor, Australian wrestler going big in the U. S., talks things over with his Fan Club president.

Wladek "Killer" Kowalski caught taking a walk with his club president, Jeannine Marcoux.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

FLASH ELORDE, 131, OUTJABBED, OUTMANUEVERED AND outgeneralled Leo Alonso, 134, in 12 rounds for the lightweight championship of the Philippines at the Coliseum. Elonde jabbed his rival almost at will to the face and body without a return. Leo was always caught flatfooted. Both boxers were cut over the eyes. Leo received the 6th round, the only round he got. Elorde received the championship belt from Carol Varga, local cinema actress.

Vic Campo, 111, and kid brother of Tanny Campo, became the fly-champion of the Philippines by beating Larry Pineda, holder of the crown when Tanny vacated the title. This was the second defeat of Pineda by Vic.

Blackie Robinson, 111, bested Baby Demelliones, 112, in 8 rounds. Romy Sison, 112, drew with Viva Zapata, 112, in 6. Tiger Willie, 123, kayoed Carlos Ocampo, 123, in the 2nd round. Ernesto Villalon, 112, decisioned Jess de Leon, 112, in 6. Flor Nacilla, 118, halted Junior Bustamante, 117, in 3.

▶ Veteran Paulito Escarlan, 130, kayoed Danny Rubia, 134, in the 3rd round in Pinamalayan, Mindoro. Peping Cortes, 123, kayoed Fighting Indian, 133, in the 6th round. Little Romulo, 114, outpointed Vic Seminiano, 115, in 8 rounds.

▶ Mamerto Besa, former boxer, and now a shoe magnet of Manila, has become a promoter. His initial promotion on November 29 featured Leo Espinosa against Jet Bally, number one contender for the featherweight crown. Mr. Besa, is the president of the Philippine Ex-Boxers Association, and will surely be the president of the Philippine Boxing Association in this coming December election of the organization. He is now in his home province and campaigning for Gerry Roxas, the only son of the late President Manuel Roxas of the Philippines.

RINGS NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

MILO SAVAGE OF THE U. S. WAS BROUGHT TO AUSTRALIA as a test for Australia's boom middleweight, Clive Stewart. They met at Sydney Stadium and Clive won in the twelfth round when referee Vic Patrick halted the fight because Savage had no chance and was copping plenty against the ropes. Savage was not in danger of being knocked senseless, but he was a mile behind on points and was being battered. The fight was a disappointment.

▶ The best heavyweight fight seen in Australia for a long time took place at Moree, N. S. W., between Bob Murdock and Ross Jenkins for the vacant N. S. W. State heavyweight title, with your Australian correspondent officiating as referee. Jenkins' power-punching had Murdock down twice in the second round, but Bob survived, although he was shaken several times during the bout.

In the tenth round, Murdock sprang a surprise. A right connected on the right spot on Jenkins' jaw and down he went. He was up at nine, but was defenseless, so I stopped the fight. The whole program was well organized and was a credit to the promoter, Jeff McNeill.

▶ Max Carlos, number two contender for George Bracken's Australian lightweight title, had his hands full when he met Bobby Sinn, our featherweight king, in a return at Brisbane Stadium. Carlos won their first set-to rather comfortably, but the decision in his favor this time was soundly hooted.

▶ Don McDonnell, welterweight brother of our middleweight champion, Billy, is a busy fighter these days. He had two fights in four days. He knocked out Ray Tyler in five rounds of a 12 at Sydney Stadium on September 23, then outpointed Les Harrison in Melbourne four days later. Don is now rated among Australian welters.

▶ Sandy Assogna, light-heavy, was much too smart for Bull Hughes at Sydney Stadium over 12 rounds. Sandy is a much improved fighter and will be hard to beat out here.

▶ A week later, Bull Hughes fought again—this time against Carl Marchin. Vic Patrick did not officiate that week, through illness, and Ronnie James substituted. Ron disqualified Marchin for butting, in the eighth round. Up to then, Marchin held a lead on points in a scrambling fight.

▶ At Brisbane Stadium, Jack Walsh won the vacant Queensland State welter title by halting Ken Eveans in the 12th round of a good fight. It was Eveans' first pro defeat. Walsh yet has to taste defeat. Eveans suffered a broken nose in the second round. Following a knockdown in round 12, Pat Hill stopped it.

▶ The previous week, at the same Stadium, George Flemming, lightweight, won a close decision over number one featherweight contender, Max Murphy. It was Murphy's first fight in over five months and his timing was astray.

▶ On the same night, in Melbourne, Sauveur Chiocca and Ray Riojas fought a poor contest. Referee Reilly walked out in the ninth. Chiocca was responsible. Although many pounds heavier than Riojas, he just wouldn't fight.

▶ Australian lightweight champion, George Bracken, had an easy outing at the expense of Maltese, Sammy Bonnici, in Melbourne. Bracken won as he pleased, finally knocking out Bonnici in the eighth round.

▶ Same night, in Brisbane, Harry Castles surprised by holding Graham Lamont to a draw in a thrilling fight. Lamont had a mild attack of the flu, but not sufficient to inconvenience him greatly. They are middleweights.

▶ Ex-amateur lightweight, Bobby Hyland, having his third pro outing outpointed veteran, Johnny Wheeler, over 12 in Melbourne.

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MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

A COUPLE RANKING WELTERWEIGHTS EAGER FOR A SHOT at the vacant 148-pound title, Isaac Logart, of New York via Cuba, and New York's Joe Miceli, met at the Olympia Stadium in Detroit in a nationally televised attraction. Despite the importance of the match only 1,061 live fans turned out for bout, paying a gross of $1,460.

The match itself started out as if Miceli might give the colorless but highly talented Logart a stiff test with a possible upset in the making for the opening three rounds. However, Isacc came on strong thereafter and at finish time, Miceli was a badly beaten fighter but game fighter. The victory further established Logart as one of the key men in the welterweight picture.

In the six round semi-final, hard punching James Remson, of Detroit, was upset by veteran Louisville middleweight, Sherman Williams. Williams came on strong in the late stages of the bout, decking Remson for a nine count in the last round.

Arthur Turner, James Riley's rapidly improving welterweight, continued his undefeated ways this year with a three round kayo over George Reid, also of Detroit. Osee Groom, Detroit heavyweight, probably will never have an easier time than he did when he stopped John Vinegar, of Cincinnati, in opening round for his sixth straight win as a pro, and Johnny Palmer, Indianapolis lightweight, bested often defeated Jimmy Sparks, of Detroit, in four.

▶ Local fighters were active at Milwaukee with Saginaw's Chuck Church going the main go against Orville Pitts, of Milwaukee, on a talent show. Church was badly overmatched and had no chance whatsoever in being butchered badly and stopped in the first round. Pitts, a great amateur, is a great prospect and fighters of Church's limited ability have no business in the same ring.

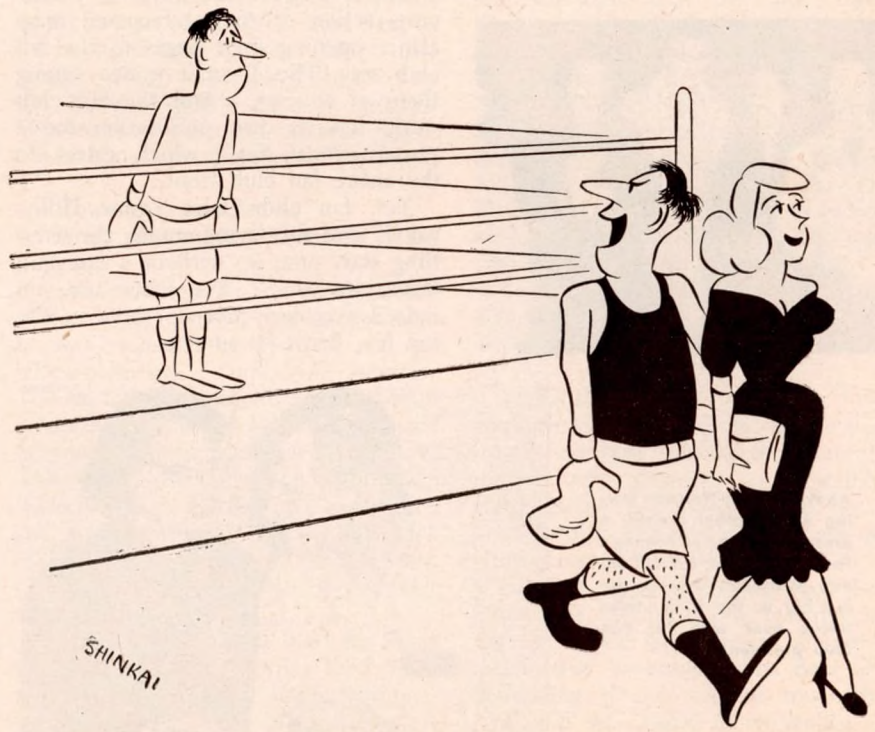
Arthur Turner, Detroit welterweight, scored his eighth straight victory when he stopped Marlin Fink in the second. Another Motor City welterweight, George Green, battle to a four-round draw with Dick Barton. Pero Bradley, formerly of New Orleans, who is now operating out of Detroit, bested Eddie O'Hera in a middleweight bout, and Floyd Brooks dropped a duke to Harold Sculley.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

ARIZONA HAS A MYTHICAL WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION IN Al Barraza of Glendale. Barraza, 145, was crowned after his win over Babe Ortiz, 141, of Avondale, in a 10-round championship fight at Phoenix Madison Square Garden.

In a six-round semifinal Manuel Elias, 122, Phoenix, kept constant pressure on cagy Manuel Batiste, 125, Fall River, Mass., for a decision. In one four-rounder Collier Cox, 125, and Greg Carrejo, 129, both of Phoenix, fought a draw, and in two other fours, newcomer Irish Jerry Reece, 158, lost a fourth round TKO to sharp Rudy Smith, 157, Phoenix, and Nate Hickman, 158, fighting his first pro fight, lost a decision to Big Boy Holmes, 152, Phoenix. Both Reece and Hickman are from the mining town of Bisbee.

▶ In a bout at Clifton, sensational Henry Gutierrez, 135, Deming, N. M., stopped Richard Enriquez, 138, El Paso, in the third round of a scheduled six. In another bout, David Torres, 118, El Paso, stopped Freddie Fernandez, 118, Juarez, in the third round. Clifton is just one town in the state starting up. Douglas, Sierra Vista, Tucson, Hayden, Phoenix and Willcox are going with either amateur or professional cards.



"I've had enough boxing for today, Art, now I'm off to do a little wrestling."

THE POLO GROUNDS 1890-1957?

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and the impatient crowd was hooting and hissing at the disappointing exhibition.

Then, in the final minute of the sixth round, Louis decided to take a chance and find out just what Nova had, if anything. He feinted Lou into pulling back his left. As he did, Louis fired a thunderous right. It exploded on Nova's chin and dumped the Californian in a heap on the canvas.

Somehow Nova managed to stumble to his feet at nine. As he lunged forward, trying to clinch, a confident Louis turned loose all his big guns. Within seconds he had Nova's face a gory mess of cuts, welts and bruises. As Lou reeled back, with a relentless Louis pouring leather in wholesale lots, Referee Arthur Donovan intervened and halted the carnage with only one second of the round remaining.

ACTIVITY FALLS OFF

There was no ring activity in the Polo Grounds—in any of the New York baseball parks, in fact—during the years of World War II. When major outdoor fight promotions were revived in 1946, it became obvious that the rival Yankee Stadium, with better auto parking facilities, was regarded as the more desirable site for big-time boxing promotions. Of the nineteen shows staged in the two ball yards in the last eleven years, the Stadium was the scene of no less than fourteen. Only five were held in the Polo Grounds. One of them, however, established an all-time high for receipts for bouts below the heavyweight class. That was the return match on September 12, 1951, between Randy Turpin and Ray Robinson for the world middleweight title, which Robinson had lost to the Britisher in England two months before. With Jim Norris and the International Boxing Club doing the promoting, the turnout numbered 61,370 and the gate hit a robust $767,626. With the returns from theatre-TV and motion pictures included, the gross revenue hit in the neighborhood of $1,000,000, a very plush neighborhood, indeed, even in this inflationary era.

The first card presented in the Polo Grounds in this post-war period featured a ten-round "handicap" match between middlewiight Rocky Graziano, scaling 159½ pounds, and welterweight Charley Fusari, 147½. Mike Jacobs was the promoter. The bout drew 31,092 and $135,117. Beaten for nine rounds by his much lighter opponent, Graziano turned loose one of his typical last-round rallies and battered Fusari into a technical knockout defeat with only 56 seconds of the fight remaining.

In many respects, Robinson's dramatic victory over Turpin was a duplicate of Louis' over Conn. One desperate punch thrown in the tenth round turned an apparent defeat for Robinson into a sensational triumph.

The stylish Robinson had all the better of the early rounds. Boxing superbly, he outclassed the slower Turpin. As the fight moved along, however, the going became tougher for Ray. He was displaying signs of tiring while the awkwardly clever Turpin, plodding along at a steady pace, was beginning to reach him with left jabs and occasional rights. In the ninth round the Britisher nearly jackknifed Robinson with a vicious right to the body.

Early in the tenth Robinson's problems worsened when blood began to stream out of an ugly gash above his left eye, blurring his vision. A cocky Turpin was now dominating the action, moving steadily forward and forcing a worried Robinson back on the defensive.

Suddenly, Ray paused for a moment in his retreat to fire a right at his tormentor. It was a punch tossed in desperation, but it paid off! Nailing Turpin flush on the chin, it sent the Britisher crashing to the canvas. Gamely, Randy struggled to his feet in time to beat the count, but he was glassy-eyed and rubbery-legged. A rejuvenated Robinson lost no time pressing his advantage. Rallying his weary forces, he ripped into his reeling opponent with both fists blasting away. Back to the ropes near his own corner staggered Turpin. Too befuddled to fight back, Randy instinctively braced himself against the ropes and swayed back and forth as Robinson continued his merciless assault. Turpin was sagging to the canvas when Referee Ruby Goldstein stepped in and called a halt with only eight seconds of the round to go.

HEAVIES END THE PARADE

What may have been the last two boxing ventures in the Polo Grounds were of too recent vintage to warrant detailed chronicling here. They were the heavyweight title matches in which Rocky Marciano clobbered his way to an eleventh-round triumph over Roland LaStarza on September 24, 1953, and Floyd Patterson used Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson for a punching bag until the one-sided affair was stopped in the tenth round last July 29.

The Marciano-LaStarza bout, sponsored by Jim Norris' International Boxing Club, attracted 44,562 spectators and receipts of $435,818.

The Patterson-Jackson offering was staged by a new crowd, organized for the occasion, and headed by Emil Lence, a women's dress merchant, with a yen for fight promoting. For a heavyweight championship presentation, it drew a disappointing turnout of 16,961 and a gross gate of $243,930.

The immediate future of the Polo Grounds remains uncertain at this writing. The city of New York would like the site for a housing development, but the trustees of the Coogan Estate, owners of the property, have not decided whether to sell or continue to operate the arena for various outdoor sports and other events. A spokesman for the Estate explains: "The loss of the Giants has been a tremendous blow, of course, but there is so much glorious sports history and tradition behind the Polo Grounds that it has become a prominent landmark in the city. We're in no hurry to decide what to do. New York hasn't many outdoor arenas available for big athletic events, and even with major league baseball moving out, there's no reason why the Polo Grounds couldn't keep going with football games, track-and-field programs, boxing shows and other promotions. Only recently a Gaelic football match between a team from Ireland and an all-start local bunch drew a crowd of nearly 50,000. We intend to give considerable thought, studying all the pros and cons, before we make a decision. No arena in the world, indoor or outdoor, has been the scene of as much notable sports history as the Polo Grounds, and it would be a real tragedy to have it torn down."

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

By Lenny Myers

CHICAGO—KENNY LANE SOLIDIFIED HIS RATING AS NO. 1 LIGHTWEIGHT CONTENDER by winning a unanimous decision in ten rounds over Orlando Zulueta at the Chicago Stadium. The Michigan mauler failed to impress the small ringside crowd with his prowess. There were no knockdowns and neither fighter landed any punches with any driving power. Kenny was a slow plodding fighter who only managed to win the duke because his opponent did very little to gain any advantage.

Eddie Perkins, 144, defeated Carlo Sarlo, 149, in six fast rounds. Jerry Jordan, 144, stopped Jimmy Adams, 149, in three heats. Don Jose, 143, beat Irish Danny Wilson, 144, in four rounds. Ernest Terrill, 185, stopped Ted Poole, 179, in the first round. Al Longstreet 163, stopped Walcott Jackson, 164, in another first round kayo. The bouts were an International Boxing Club presentation with matchmaker Ben Bentley presiding.

▶Helen Radzienda, mother of Lou Radzienda, passed away this past month and all of the Chicago boxing fraternity extended their deepest sympathy to Lou, a great boxing man and former president of the N.B.A.

ADD BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII—

▶Joe Miceli, 150, New York fighter, set his own pace, fought as he pleased and won a ten-round decision over aging Ramon Fuentes, 156¾, of Los Angeles, in a middleweight scrap held at the Civic Auditorium. The verdict was a split decision, two officials favoring Miceli and the third called the fight even.

Scoring all his points with his versatile left, Miceli left no doubt in the eyes of the fans that he was the faster and better boxer. He copped no less than six rounds by comfortable margins. Fuentes was credited with only two rounds.

The fight was promoted by Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., and drew a disappointingly small crowd of 1,634 fans. Gross receipts amounted to $3,618.50.

Omar Darty, 164½, decisioned Joe Neal, 166, 4 rounds.

Harold Mara, 131, fought Rufino Ridella, 128¾, to a four round draw.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

ASIAN flu found many victims in boxing circles and several important projects had to be shelved, including the much-awaited Humez-Drille and Scholz-Ballarin matches. Most European titleholders were in action and a new one was crowned when Mario D'Agata defeated fellow-Italian Federico Scarponi for the vacant bantam bauble. This wil be reported next month.

Pro boxing has extended its scope once again to Scandinavia, with a program last month in Finland and one coming up in Denmark.

Here are the month's results:

▶ FRANKFURT, Germany—For the youthful Erich Schoppner it was quite a day. Some months before he had been booed out of a ring for being declared winner over Albert Finch when he deserved only to share honors with Finch and the experts gave Erich a thorough lambasting. But he kept on winning bouts over second-raters in quite convincing style and snapped at the chance of meeting European champion Calzavara in a non-title fray over ten rounds but Schoppner went into the affair with confidence and won. It was nip and tuck for several rounds and Schoppner seemed to have lost his brilliance by the eighth. But in the last two rounds the German rallied splendidly to hook and jab the champ back on the defensive and the older man was badly shaken at the end of the final heat. There was only one possible winner and Schoppner was loudly acclaimed by the 10,000 in attendance. This proves our contention that Calzavara is far from being the best cruiser in Europe. It was Schoppner's eighteenth fight as a professional and his seventh straight win.

Hans Friedrich and Heinz Neuhaus, both at 218, contested the right to challenge Kalbfell for the heavies diadem in a monotonous but rugged ten-rounder. Friedrich was guilty of several fouls and Neuhaus won by a satisfactory margin.

Erich Walter, 160, edged out Giancarlo Brusa of Italy in a hard six, Rocco Mazzola, 173, made his first appearance outside Italy, an impressive one by trouncing Uwe Janssen over eight rounds and Ossi Buttner, 200, outscored Ulli Ritter, 200, in a heavies six. In the curtain-raiser, Manfred Schneider, 171, a local prospect, whipped Albert Duscha over six.

▶ PARIS—Now in his 36th year, Gilbert Lavoine still carries enough artillery to assure himself a place in the vanguard of French middles. This was proved when he tangled with Marcel Pigou at the Salle Wagram, obtaining a clear verdict over the highly-touted Norman.

At CHERBOURG, Eugene Le Cozannet won handily over Robert Tartari in a bantam ten and at SOMAIN.

Roland Roy trimmed Marcel Watel in another bantam ten.

At the Central in PARIS, Andre Valignat punched out a win over Juan Alvarez, the Belgian feather, over ten.

▶ ROTTERDAM, Holland—Leen Jansen was unable to solve the tricks of Constant Alcantara at the Riviera Hall here but coasted along to a safe points win over ten rounds. Hard-hitting Jo Lamers split open the eyebrow of Herbert Sowa, Germany, in the fourth round of their middles slam and obliged the ref to stop proceedings while Hein van der Zee nodded Willi Quattuor, German feather, over eight.

▶ MADRID, Spain—Fred Galiana, Young Martin and Manolo Garcia made a farewell appearance here before invading South America. Galiana checked Pucho Cifuentes in three, Martin stopped Morales in two and Garcia, a feather, licked lightweight Nando Guerra over eight.

▶ BRUSSELS, Belgium—Ben Buker II, that very busy Spanish welter, has apparently run out of competition at his own weight and is taking on middles to while the time away. Richard Bouchez, the highly-rated—in our opinion overrated—Belgian middles king, had a hard time imposing his law on the shifty Arab and scraped home a very close winner after ten rounds. Malcorps defeated Michel Dinot, dour French cruiser, over six rounds.

▶ PADUA, Italy—Making a return to action, Federico Friso, 200, slugged it out with Al Bernard, 224, of Belgium and in the second round landed a tremendous right hook to the solar plexus that folded the Fleming for the full count. Antonio Pippa defeated Angelo Grego in a cruiser six.

▶ HELSINKI, Finland—Under the banner of Nick von Bell, pro boxing emerged from a very long sleep in the Finnish capital and proved a successful undertaking. It was the first program in six years. On that occasion, six years ago, Elis Ask won the European lightweight title and, now a youthful 31, he headed the bill against Roger Prigent, nifty French lightweight comer. It was a close affair with Ask getting an edge in the latter stages of the ten rounds and thus copping the verdict.

Another old face was that of Olavi Ouvinen, who drew with Roger Moine of Belgium in a feathers eight.

Risto Luukkonen, explosive flyweight arrival, iced Sjef Peemans of Belgium in five, Pentti Rautiainen nodded De Schepper, Belgium, in a lightweight six and rugged Pekka Kokkonen bounced out Georges Bracco of France in the opening stanza of a cruiser clash.

▶ PARIS—The Salle Wagram was well attended when Louis Poncy crossed gloves with Belaid "Moustique" Meslem, torrid North African feather. Poncy went to work in his usual aggressive style and decked his man several times in the third. Meslem was in a bad way and held on to avoid taking further punishment, and was disqualified after several warnings. Rene Barriere outscored Jean Brondel in another feathers ten.

At BORDEAUX, Jacques Nervi laced Andre Mauguin in a welter ten and at BREST, Eugene Le Cozannet soundly whipped Jacques Delplace in a bantam ten.

At ST. BRIEUC, a rather faded Jacques Prigent was held to a draw by Gaston Mathieu in a welter ten and at TOURS, Jose Ogazon put an end to Jean Guerrard's run of victories in dramatic style. Although floored three times in the opening round, the Spaniard came back to steal Guerrard's thunder and whip the Frenchman soundly over ten rounds.

▶ GHENT, Belgium—Local middles star, Bob Stevens, scored a good points win at the expense of Jean Barlet of France over ten rounds while Louis van Hoeck outdistanced Bob Marcel in a lightie eight. Jean Vankerschaver of France nodded Plut in a cruiser six.

▶ VIENNA, Austria—A crowd of 1,500 attended the Marz-Ring to watch the new Viennese kayo-king, Hugo Kohler, go into action against Theun Brommer of Holland. A hefty right to the jaw put Brommer, 154, down for the full count in round two. Toon Schuurmans saved the Dutch from complete defeat by turning the same trick on Stefan Schwarz, who was counted out in the sixth frame of a welter slam.

▶ BOLOGNA, Italy—Franco Cavicchi showed somehting of the form which made him once European champion when he fought the aggressive German, Albert Westphal. Cavicchi took never a backward step and gave a good display of skill mixed with strength. In the ninth round, Westphal took two trips to the canvas and the ref stopped the bout just as the German corner slung in the towel.

Big Bruno Scarabellin handed a shellacking to Antonio Crosia, whose corner threw in the towel during the fifth. Luciano Grilli licked Consorti in a welter eight, Walter Sarti trimmed Mafaldo Rinaldi in a welter six and Michelon was ruled out in the third heat of a middles bout with Ilagi. Seven thousand attended the program.

▶ GENEVA, Switzerland—The Sports Pavilion was packed with 3,000 fans when agile Epiphane Akono, French African lightweight comer, re-appeared here against Giuseppe Marotto, an explosive Italian who does most of his campaigning in Marseilles. It was a torrid affair from start to finish and the drawn verdict was warmly received by the crowd.

▶ VALENCIA, Spain—The ex-welter champ of Spain, Manuel Salcedo, was perhaps rather lucky to obtain a win over Idrissa Dione, the footloose Senegalese.

At BARCELONA, Jim Mora returned to the land of his fathers after a lengthy sojourn in France. He trounced Jose Cadalso in a good lightie ten.

▶ PERIGUEUX, France — Edouard Ptak boxed his way to a good win over Jean Santanbien in a lightie ten here and at RENNES, Andre Gardeux stopped Valentin Nollet in the fourth of a middles maul.

At the PARIS CENTRAL, Rezghi Guizani outscored fiery Salvatore Vangi in a fast feathers ten and Ceslaw Dudek got the nod over Menu in a middles eight.

▶ PARIS, France—Roger Cappato came back at the Salle Wagram with a well-deserved draw against shifty Tanny Campo of the Philippines. It was a bout disputed at top speed, with Cappato providing the pace and Campo the science. Sauveur Benamou halted Briois in four and Medjek larruped Samba over the points route.

At CASABLANCA, Morocco—Juan Cardenas checked Stan Sobolak of Paris in the third of a bantam fray and Manolo Garcia likewise halted Rudi Christiaens, Belgian

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 1957)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)
3. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Hans Schoppner (G)	Andre Drille (F)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
4. Wm. Besmanoff (G)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Germinal Balarin (F)	Bruno Visintin (I)
5. Mario De Persio (I)	Wim Snoek (H)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Valere Benedetto (I)
6. Mino Bozzano (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Leen Jansen (H)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
7. Hans Friedrich (G)	Sandro D'Ottavio (I)	Peter Muller (G)	Gunter Hase (G)
8. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Jacq. Herbillon (F)
9. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Uwe Janssen (G)	Max Resch (G)	Fortunato Manca (I)
10. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Guido Mazzinghi (I)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Ben Buker II (S)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Felix Chiocca (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Lahouri Godhi (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Robert Pollazon (F)
4. Fred Galiana (S)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Jose Ogazon (S)
5. Piet van Klaveren (H)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Jean Guerrard (F)
6. Bobby Ros (S)	Giordano Campari (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Andre Gasperini (F)
7. Marcello Padovani (I)	Louis Poncy (F)	Gianni Zuddas (I)	Christian Marchand (F)
8. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Dante Bini (F)	Edgar Basel (G)
9. Fernand Nollet (F)	Rudi Langer (G)	Luis Romero (S)	Henri Schmid (F)
10. Germano Cavalieri (I)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Abdelkader Azzouz (F)	Francesco Carreno (S)

LEGEND: B Belgium; F France; G Germany; H Holland; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden.

lightie, in four. Frankie Speed, a Yank employed by a local firm, completed the bill by stopping Pierre Stanzack of France in the fourth of a bantam affair.

▶ RHEIMS, France—The courage of Sim Soriano was hardly sufficient to pit against the powerhouse punching of Jacques Herbillon and the game Provencal was taken out of action in the tenth round of his welter battle with the Pale Puncher. Jean Michaud licked Al Segura in the middle six.

At BLOIS, Gilbert Chapron continued his work of distruction in the cruiser cohorts by flattening the game German, Gunter Huber, in four rounds.

At BESANCON, Michel Lombardet kept active by halting Jean Allain in the sixth of a welter debate and at Sens, Esteban Martin easily won over Carlo Ferrante in a flyweight ten.

▶ STUTTGART, Germany — Although Max Resch pulled out all the stops he was unable to knock Manuel Correa off his feet and keep him there. It seemed like curtains for the tough Iberian in the seventh round, when a stiff left hook smacked him so hard that he somersaulted backwards and lay unconscious. But at the count of "9" he was back on his feet and marching courageously into Resch. Two minutes of toe-to-toe slugging ensued and at the end of the round, Correa was down again. But he got up again and finished the fight, loser over ten rounds. In two further middles contests, Manfred Hass laced tough Francisco Frances over six and Helmut Hohmann drew with foxy Tony Baars of Surinam, over six. Horst Niche was held to a split decision by promising Hans Ducree over six and Helmut Mistoli flattened Eugenio Cifuentes in the third round of a middles slam and in a middles four, Gerhard Moll edged out Alois Brand.

▶ CREMONA, Italy—Before paying another visit to South America, Aristide Pozzali accepted a bout with Ben Ali, Moroccan flyweight. Pozzali put up a most disappointing display and could only share honors with the mediocre African.

▶ GENEVA, Switzerland — Belgian visitors had mixed fortunes here. The new Italian welter star, Fortunato Manca, punched too hard for tough Frans Nevens and stopped the tough redhead in three rounds but Georges Devos had it better. Against Maurice Auzel of France he was way behind on points when he split the Parisian's eye and obliged him to retire in the eighth round of a lightie slam.

▶ At BASLE—Francois Granger defeated Robert Gillet in a lightie ten.

▶ MILAN, Italy—At the Sports Palace, Mino Bozzano proved his class by easily outboxing and outfighting the current national heavies champ, Bacilieri, over ten rounds. Bozzano was at no time fully extended.

Guido Mazzinghi celebrated his entry into the cruiser class by stopping Ilde Waursfel in two and Ottavio Panunzi whipped Cesare Bagnoli in a cruiser six.

Bonino Allevi dropped Piero Baldini in the second heat of their heavies discussion and after taking a brief count, Baldini stood ready to continue the fight, but with one hand gripping the ropes. The ref correctly continued the count and Baldini was declared knocked out, which provoked quite a scene.

Ferinando Proietti, not a member o fthe famous fighting family, easily defeated Luciano Grilli in a welter six.

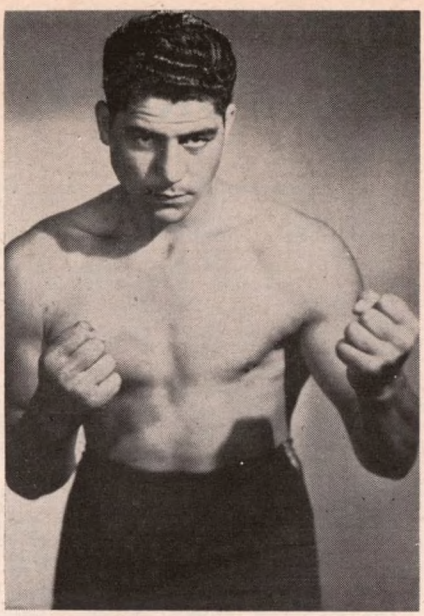
▶ HAMBURG, Germany—If anything unforeseen can occur to a boxer, it occurs to Peter Muller. The Rhinelander has packed far too many fights in recent months, when one considers his forceful style, and it was a bad mistake to take on youthful Hans Wohlers at short notice.

Wohlers tore into Muller who slung a hard left but Wohlers nipped to one side and nabbed Muller with a cracking right to the chin. Without covering up, the ex-champion stood and faced Wohlers as he stormed in to complete the job—and complete it he did. One right-hander after another bounced off Muller's jaw and he slowly sank to the canvas, to be counted out. It was a tremendous sensation.

Wohlers, 24, had won his twentieth pro start in truly amazing fashion for a so-called non-hitter.

A quartet of Italians were imported for the undercard and they surely gave their hosts plenty to think about. Erwin Hack, 179, was awarded a draw against muscular Santo Amonti, 176, over six rounds. Amonti is considered a great prospect in Italy.

Ernst Zetzmann, 147, was likewise given a draw with aggressive Gheri Fretzghi, who happens to be the Abyssinian welter champion, and Manfred Neuke, 133, was honored with a draw against waspish Annibale Omodei, 138, after a hard eight-rounder chiefly dominated by the visitor.



Franco Cavicchi displayed something of the form that once made him the European heavyweight champon when he desposed of the aggressive German, Albert Westphal, in nine rounds at Bologna, Italy, the referee halting the bout after Westphal was dropped twice in that stanza.

Alfred Schweer, 122, gained a well-merited decision over Gastone Casarico in six and Uwe Janssen soon rid himself of the Belgian, Andre Cottyn, blasting his man out in the opening stanza. The gate was around 4,500.

▶ LIEGE, Belgium — The impossible happened here when Kid Dussart, now 36, a veteran who started paid fighting in 1940 as a featherweight, captured the national middles title from young Richard Bouchez, the guy they were tabbing last year as "the second Cyrille Delannoit". Bouchez never stopped trying but the wily Kid was on one of his good days and walked off with the verdict after twelve rounds. Dussart is now considering retirement.

Pierre Wouters was luckier in defending his welter title, as challenger Jean Paternotte was ruled out in the twelfth and final round for butting. Lambert Dumont won over the Luxemburger, Rene Scheich, in a lightie eight.

▶ PARIS—At the Central, Jacques Barlet won over Ceslaw Matusak in a middles ten and Roland Fontaine drew with Denis Flores in a middles six.

At ST. DIZIER, Michel Francois outscored the Italian welter, Ernesto Ballabio, over ten and at BOURGES, Jean Debondant got the better of blond Jacques Prigent in another welter ten.

At EPERNAY, one of the best and most regular losers in the business, Robert Meunier, for once sat in the winning corner when he trounced Belaid Meslem in a bantam ten.

At DIEPPE, Louis Laverdure became the new welter champ of Normandy by beating the holder, Gilbert Souday over ten rounds.

▶ PARIS—At the Central, Michel Lamora was unable to eradicate the only blot on his record—a defeat at the hands of Mohamed Meftah. In their second meeting, Meftah held the bantam prospect to an eight-round draw.

At NICE, Frank Youst drew with Marcel Guyon in a welter ten, Julien Staccini licked Zarraga in a lightie eight and Chaquitano stopped Eugene Spagnol in the fourth heat of another lightie affair.

Once more at the Central, PARIS, Andre Gardeux licked Claude Richard in a lightie ten and at LA ROCHELLE, Rene Barriere defeated Andre Meraint in a feathers ten.

▶ ALGHERO, Italy—Salvatore Burruni, who has one eye already on the national flyweight diadem, won clearly over Angelo Rampin in a good eight-rounder.

▶ VENICE, the semi-finals took place for the Gold Belt competition, feather and middleweight divisions. This competition is open to young professionals of all weights in Italy.

In the feathers, Colombo beat Pollet and Tombolini outscored Bardi, both on points. In the middles, Mario Faverzani licked Caselato and Ilagi trimmed Frigeri, both on points. All bouts over six rounds.

▶ ROME, Italy—At the Palace of Champions, Sergio Caprari looked good in earning a close points win over the wily Filipino, Tanny Campo, in a furious feathers ten. By the way, we reported last month that Caprari defeated Mangiarello. This was incorrect. It was Campari who disputed that bout.

Rocco Mazzola opened up very cocksure against Dom Baccheschi but the latter soon made himself respected by his powerful attacks to head and body. In the second heat he battered Mazzola to the canvas for "8". Mazzola worked hard to get control of the fight and later had Baccheschi on the retreat. Nevertheless, his victory on points left the crowd stunned. Franco Scisciana licked Dante Madella in a middles eight and Giulio Rinaldi stopped Aldo Brunetti in the fifth of a cruiser slam. Stefano Bellotti won over Franco Pinto in an excellent welter eight.

▶ PARIS—At the Salle Wagram, Laouri Godih displayed yet again that he is a worthy champion by taking on a full-fledged welter, Michel Francois, and beating the heavier man by a narrow margin, over ten rounds.

Mohamed le Noircreated the surprise of the evening by knocking out the dreaded Emile Buccelato of Tunis in the first round of a middles affair.

At the Stadium, Antoine Martin celebrated his pro debut by stopping Charles Domer in the third of feathers fray and at the Central, Brahim Kettani whipped Boulesteix in a welter eight.

▶ DOUAI, France—Jo Ventaja, hard-hitting feathers hope, proved too strong for the Belgian lightie, six pounds heavier, and stopped the visitor with cut eyes in the ninth round. Pierre De Souza was lucky to get a draw with Marcel Watel in a bantam ten.

At GROSSETO, Emilio Marconi indulged came his first serious obstacle by knocking out tough Ray Schmitt of Luxemburg in the second round of a cruiser slam. It should be added that this was Schmitt's first outing in a year.

▶ GENEVA, Switzerland — Pierre Mondino defeated his compatriot, Francois Lecreurer in a welter ten and Maurice Pleinet stopped the Lebanon lightie, Hassane Fakyh, in seven.

▶ TURIN, Italy—Uber Bacilieri regained some lost ground by stopping the Belgian heavies king, Alain Cherville, in nine rounds. Cherville was suffering from cut eyes.

At GROSETTO, Emilio Marconi indulged in a light workout at the expense of the Turkish lightweight, Ziyaris Taki, whom he flattened in two rounds. Massimo Zanaboni got the nod over big Horst Herold in a heavyweight six.

▶ At PARMA—Marcello Padovani successfully defended his brand-new lightweight crown by beating impulsive Mario Vecchiatto. The challenger was ruled out in the seventh round for butting Padovani so hard that his eye was badly split.

▶ MILAN, Italy—Despite his constant attacks, Italo Scortichini was not able to overcome cagey Alex Buxton in their return engagement at the Sports Palace. Against the Italian's tireless aggression, Buxton used his raking left and considerable experience to earn himself a draw after ten rounds.

Mino Bozzano also had bad luck in a return affair. He had already whipped the French heavy, Maurice Mols, and in this second meeting, Mols appeared too overawed to emerge from his shell-like defense and was beaten in a monotonous ten.

Altidoro Polidori fought a whirling lightie ten with blond Annibale Omodei and this justly ended in a split decision while Bonino Allevi repeated a previous triumph by stopping Piero Baldini in the first round of a heavies clash. Nenci licked Manconi in a lightie six.

▶ LE CREUSOT, France—The former amateur feathers star, Andre Vairoletto, made his pro debut in the Armaments City by icing Omar Karouby in two rounds.

At SOISSONS the local cruiser hope, beat Gino Menozzi over ten.

▶ LUXEMBOURG—Werner Wiegand re-appeared for the first show of the season in the Grand Duchy but was way below par. He outpointed the rugged German, Heinz Lemm, in a dull ten rounder heavyweight maul and honors for the evening went to another German, Horst Niche, who lambasted Jempy Bentz for eight rounds but could not stop the local cruiser.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

JULIO ESCOBEDO, 134, STOPPED TOBE PENALOZA, 135, in 3. Ray Ruiz, 118, decisioned, Manuel Rojas, 118, in 8. Arnulfo Palomares, 126, stopped Aurelio Mora, 126, in 7. Ray Martinez, 134, decisioned Halcon Romero, 135, in 6. Pablo Mejia, 125, decisioned Guillermo Santillan, 125, in 4.

▶Fili Nava, 125, decisioned Ernesto Figueroa, 128, in 10, although quite a few did not agree with the verdict. In a lousy fight, Valentin Rangel, 134, decisioned Carlos Arregui, 134, in 10. Guillermo Gonzalez, 119, stopped Firpito Gaytan, 117, in 3. Chucho Hernandez, 115, decisioned Eleazar Gonzalez, 112, in 6. Raul Bolanos, 136, decisioned Kid Alvarado, 136, in 4.

▶Joaquin Carrillo, 126, decisioned Bombin Kiriz, 125, in 10. Al Urbina, 132, stopped Ranchero Ruiz, 136, in 2. Tibico Torres, 114, stopped Angel Jimenez, 115, in 3. Alex Jimenez, 115, decisioned Raul Leal, 115, in 6. Panchito Espindola, 113, stopped Felipe Valencia, 110, in 1.

▶Joe Becerra, 118, decisioned Ramon Calatayud, 112, Venezuela, in 10. Frankie Kid Anslem, 152, stopped Victor Torres, 160, in 2. Luis Trejo, 125, stopped Enrique Castillo, 126, in 4. Miguel Ulloa, 112, decisioned Jose Guerrero, 112, in 6. Catarino Jimenez, 113, decisioned Baldomero Martinez, 113, in 4.

▶Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 120, national bantamweight champion, disposed of Ernesto Parra, 123, in 1. Beto Gonzalez, 134, decisioned Julio Escobedo, 133, in 10. Most people did not like the decision and as a result we had the worst riot in many years. Benny Rodriguez, 136, decisioned Vincente Leonardo, 134, in 8. Miguel Lopez, 117, decisioned Memo Balderas, 117, in 6.

▶Genaro Serafin, 118, decisioned Ramon Gonzalez, 118, in 10. Gabriel Navarro, 126, decisioned Tono Coria, 125, in 8. Tony Villa, 135, decisioned Raul Torres, 140, in 8. Esteban Flores, 134, stopped Jose Alvarado, 135, in 3. Abel Medina, 118, decisioned Pulga Hernandez, 118, in 4.

▶Victor Manuel Quijano, 126, national featherweight champion, decisioned Kid Anahuac, 126, challenger, in a ten-round match for the title, thus retaining it. Frankly, the fight was nothing to be excited about, but Quijano looked better than the challenger. Eduardo Guerrero, 118, decisioned Manuel Rodriguez, 118, in 10. Javier Vargas, 117, decisioned Heriberto Saucedo, 117, in 10. Negro Alfaro, 126, stopped Alfredo del Castillo, 125, in 3. Gallito Primero, 118, decisioned Max Huerta, 118, in 4.

▶Joe Medel, 114, decisioned David Rodriguez, 119, in 10. Emilio Olivares, 125, stopped Yuyin Trejo, 126, in 4. Chucho Hernandez, 114, stopped Tibico Torres, 114, in 2. Miguel Ulloa, 109, decisioned Pepe Acevedo, 112, in 6. Tomas Mendoza, 119, stopped Chuy Hernandez, 117, in 1.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar.

ARENA "OLIMPICA", Gomez Palacio:—Well, at last it happened! The bristly hard hitter boy Antonio "Zorrito" Ramirez, 133, halted clever Luis "Tejon" Contreras, 134, in only two rounds. "Tejon" which means "Badger" in English, found his own Waterloo with "Zorrito" which means "Little-Fox". A real very valuable triumph for the local boy, no doubt about. In the scheduled 10-round semi, other local chap,Claudio Adame, 120, iced Panchito Moreno, 118, also in two.

Raul Olmos, 110, stopped Tomas Serratos, 117, in the very first round; Cesareo Garcia, 123, kayoed Carlos Martinez, 124, in two; Salvador Chong, 106, nailed Humberto Ohm, 110, also in the second; Gustavo Ohm, 122, and Javier Gonzalez, 119, drew in four rounds. By the bye, these two Ohm guys are kid brothers of famous German Ohm, now at Los Angeles under Frank Sinatra's protection.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreon:—Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 119, floored four times unknown Gallito Garcia, 116, and got a 3-round kayo triumph. Juanito Mendoza, 113, brave and gallant as always, bested Beto Viesca, 115, in the 10-round semi. Sabino Mendez, 113, TKO'd Juanito Rivera, 119, in seven. Babe Salazar, 115, decisioned Jesus Miranda, 121, in six rounds. Feliciano Barrientos, 129, local Golden Gloves Champion, started as a pro outweighing and outscoring little Carlos Lopez, 121, in four.

▶ARENA "OLIMPICA", Gomez Palacio:—The fans packed the house to see high-quoted Mauro Vazquez, Mexico's new Big Idol, to fight a very ballyhooed tener against young mulatto Claudio Adame. Of course, Mauro who is nicknamed the Adonis of Fistiana, resulted too much man for the local newcomer. The party finished in three rounds with Adame sleeping on the canvas. Mauro weighed 126 and Claudio Adame only 121. I think that Claudio better remain in his bantamweight class. Bernardo de la Cruz, 117, surprised everybody beating favorite Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 118, in the 10-round semifinal. The other bouts: Facundo "Ray" Martinez, 119, stopped Raul Olmos, 114, in six; Juan Garcia, 124, decisioned Jesus Miranda, 122, after six rolls; Salvador Chong, 108, bested Jorge Solis, 114, in four.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreon:—Fidel Lucero, 132, the obstinate craneboy from American Smelting, bombarded Lalo Duque, 129, to get a very hard 10-round duke. Ray Ruiz, 111, a little guy with a very good left hand, outscored brave Juanito Mendoza, 112, after ten fast rolls. Manuel Varela, 127, outpointed Federico "Chino" Gonzalez, 127, in eight. Pedro "Chato" Perez, 152, iced Jaime Gutierrez, 144, in the third. Feliciano Barrientos, 128, former simon pure sensation, nailed Antonio Medina, 123, in only two rounds.

▶ARENA "OLIMPICA", Gomez Palacio:—The Golden Boy of Northern Mexico, Alfredo "Al" Nevarez, 135, had a real picnic with modest Manny Baptista, 132, imported from Phoenix, Arizona. Nevarez, high ranked man in THE RING, bolted his Portuguese foe when he wished to. And it was in the fourth round. The card, a great one, was backed up with a high 10-round semi: Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 130, using his left hook, really surpassed strong boy Eduardo "Cachorro" Meza, 128. Manuel "Chamaco" Castro, 146, got a very booed decision over Daladier Urista, 145, in eight. Juan Garcia, 123, stopped veteran Lucio Polina Hidalgo, 120, in the fifth. Gustavo Ohm, 124, bested Carlos Lopez, 122, in 4.

▶ACUNA:—Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 130, iced Chale Medina, 135, in only three rounds. Canguro Martinez, 143, bested Octavio Salas, 140, in the ten-round semi.

▶GUADALAJARA: — Manuel Armenteros, 122, stopped Dusty Brown, 120, in three rounds. Really, this busy Cuban is doing fine things in his Mexico campaign. Heliodoro Hernandez, 121, outpointed Tigre Villagran, 124, in ten.

▶MONTERREY:—David Camacho, 130, resulted too fast for Felipe Sosa, 132, La Laguna, and he got the duke after ten rough rounds.

▶SAN LUIS POTOSI:—Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 120, National Bantamweight Champion, baked Johnny Gonzalez, 124, in four rounds. No man for the Champ this "Oh-Johnny" boy.

▶ACUNA:—Claudio Adame, 121, the Laguna husky mulatto, put Gallito Rivera, 126, to sleep in the third.

▶MATAMOROS: — Enrique Esqueda, 145, sent Apolinar Huerta, 140, to the Kayo Paradise in only two rounds. Enrique, former high ranked man, no sweat a single drop to have his man cooked.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Marcelo Gonzalez, 119, stopped Monito Hernandez, 118, in four rounds. Salvador Lopez, 139, halted Bombero Gonzalez, 140, in two.

▶DURANGO:—Marcelo Vargas, 135, nailed Rodolfo "Chivo" Diaz, 136, in seven rounds. Ignacio "TunTun" Torres, 115, kayoed Jesus Gonzalez, 118, in the fifth.

▶MONTERREY:—Americo Rivera, 125, surprised the gang when he whipped hard favorite Chucho Mejia, 126, after twelve rounds. The match was for the Nuevo Leon featherweight championship. Tony Contreras, 111, bested Pulga Sanchez, 112, in the 8-round semifinal.

▶MATAMOROS:—Ezequiel "Chicles" Uribe, 138, demolished Enrique Esqueda's dreams when he sent the guy to sleep in seven. Enrique, former national topnotcher, weighed 145.

▶ACAPULCO: — Carlos Cardoso, "The Golden Hawk", 118, bolted Roque Fernandez, 116, in five rounds. Victor Garcia, 116, outpointed Cuervo Salinas, 114, in the 8-round semi.

▶MONTERREY:—Surprise party for Vince Delgado, high quoted Californian. Jorge Manjarrez, 126, took out Vince, 127, to a walk; a 10-round walk in a fact. Nobody had taken Jorge as a danger for Vince. But the little Mexican featherweight got the duke, yes sir! In the other scheduled tener, Baldomero "Pituka" Perez, 130, started his come back campaign, KO'ing Andres Gonzalez, 131, in the sixth.

▶CUERNAVACA: — Javier Garfias, 120, stopped Roberto Mar, 119, in four. Hilario Morales, 127, sunk down Gilberto Nolasco, 129, in the sixth.

▶MATAMOROS:—Kid Aztequita, 128, halted Babe Zarate, 130, in seven. Luciano Gonzalez, 141, the cute boy, stamped out Juan "Chico" Reyes, 138, in the fourth.

▶CHIHUAHUA:—Babe Concer, 145, nailed Kid Orizaba, 148, in five. Raul Anchondo, 135, iced Jesus "Cocoliso" Estrada, 134, in the very first round. Both victims are under Piri Alvarez's management, who was trying to start campaign over the Chihuahua's rings. Bad luck for Old Piri!

▶DURANGO:—Marcelo Vargas, 137, took the cake from Vicente Ramirez, 135, after ten well fought rolls. Ignacio "TunTun" Torres, 116, decisioned Agustin "Diablito" Campos, 115, in ten. Johnny Moreno, 148, the Cherokee from Laguna, won by disqualification over Javier Valenzuela, 145, in the seventh round.

▶MATAMOROS:—Eloy Sanchez, 117, defeated Chuy Guerrero, 116, in ten.

▶FRESNILLO:—Veteran Salvador Varela, 134, outscored washed-off Pepe Montes, 129, after ten slow rounds. Gato Felix, 136, beat Toro Carranza, 139, also in a tener.

▶MATAMOROS:—Kid Aztequita, 130, upset Felipe Sosa, 130, in ten.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer Gonzales

VICTOR MANUEL QUIJANO AGUILAR, YUCATAN'S best fighter, retained his Mexican Featherweight crown by winning the unanimous decision over Kid Anahuac in ten rounds at Mexico City.

▶CHETUMAL, QRRO: Joe Nacho, 139, bested Carlos "Lincoln" Tamayo, 135, of Yucatan, in 8.

▶CHETUMAL, QRRO: Liu Chaney, 140, decisioned Carlos "Lincoln" Tamayo, 135, in eight rounds.

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BOXING IN JUAREZ
By Manuel Prieto

MONUMENTAL BULL RING—Gaspar "Indio" Ortega, 146½, Mexicali, won a hard fought decision over David Cervantes, 144½, Mexico City, in ten rounds.

Ortega did not look very impressive. David was down in the first round for a three second count. After the fight the doctor discovered a fractured-rib in the left side of Cervantes.

Ray Terrazas, 144, El Paso, won by K.O. in the 4th. of the six-round semi-final from Mario Driguez, 143, Torreon.

Luis Sanchez, 126, Chihuahua City, looked good in stopping Alfonso Mendoza, 125, Juarez, in the second round.

Juan Valles, 136, Juarez, and Bobby Garcia, 138, El Paso, fought to a four round draw. Freddie Rodriguez, 118, El Paso, won decision over Cosme Rodriguez, 121, Juarez, in four.

▶JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM—Louidie Lightburn, 136¾, British Hounduras, won by unanimous decision over Gilberto

Holguin, 138½, El Paso, Tex.

Lightburn looked well after a long lay off. The fight was a bloody affair, with both fighters badly bruised.

Reyes Castanon, 122½, Chihuahua City, won over Eduardo Santos, 121, Juarez, in six fast rounds.

Luis Sanchez, 127, Chihuahua City, displaying a terrific wallop and class, stopped Jesus Lopez, 128½, Juarez, in the first round. Sanchez had Lopez on the canvas three times before the referee halted the fight.

In the four rounders, Juan Valles, 137½, Juarez, won by K.O. in the second over Jose Lopez, 135, Juarez. Bobby Garcia, 137½, El Paso, won by K.O.T. in the third over Rogelio Cortes, 133, Juarez.

FROM BAJA CALIFORNIA
By Francisco B. Escalante

TIJUANA — CIRO MORACEN, WORLD-RANKED CUBAN, FEATHERWEIGHT won a disputed decision over Jorge Manjarrez, Mexico City, 126. Moracen didn't live up to the ballyho accorded him.

▶ Tijuana—Felix "Pelon" Cervantes, Mexicali's good bantamweight prospect took a fight on very short notice with Dwight Hawkins of Los Angeles and was knocked out in the eighth round. He was previously unbeaten in 32 bouts.

Baby Rios and Al Flores, nee Negrito de Guanajua, went down to the wire in a furiously fought draw.

▶ Tijuana—Fights in this frivolous city are held on Mondays in the bull ring open air. Twice postponed on account of rain, the Al Wilcher-Pimi Jimenez finally resulted in an eight round TKO for the Los Angeles boy. Jimenez had a slight edge until the 7th. Wilcher was awarded the verdict due to a bad cut over his opponent's eye.

▶ Mexicali—Promotor Nicolas Rodriguez inaugurated the season's boxing in the Gimnasio de Mexicali with a slam-bang 10 rounder between Mexicali born good lightweight prospect, Raul Fuentes and Mexico City veteran, Tomas Castillo. Fuentes proved his worth handing cagey ringwise Castillo a severe setback for a unanimous decision.

In the semi, Mexicali's top flyweight, Ignacio "Zurdo" Pina, won on a TKO from national-ranked flyweight, Cheto Fernandez. A stinging right put Fernandez down and since he got up very wobbly the arbiter stopped hostilities.

Welterweight Herman Fandel, managed by ex-bantam champion Manuel Ortiz, K.O.'d Memo Bojorquez in the 3rd.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

BUENOS AIRES—IN THE RING OF STADIUM "BABILONIA", welterweight Roque Cejas won the decision over Vicente Panzani in 10 rounds. Miguel Luchesi, lightheavy, won by TKO over Juan Carlos Zalazar in five, and Aurelio Diaz, lightheavy, won in 10 over Santiago Meza.

▶ Buenos Aires—Bantamweight Ernesto Miranda, brother of the flyweight sensation, Carlos Miranda, stopped Avelino Romero in the ring of Babilonia Stadium by a TKO in the eighth.

▶ La Plata—Arturo Gonzalez and Alberto Billaflor, draw in 10 rounds. They are welterweights.

▶ Pergamino—"Dave" Bondulich kayoed Mario Mastro, lightheavy, in the fifth.

▶ Rosario—Pablo Sagripanti kayoed local light heavyweight champion Alberto Benassi, in the seventh.

▶ Buenos Aires—A great surprise took place in the ring of Luna Park when Adalberto Ochoa won the decision in 10 rounds over the Argentine and South American champion welterweight Martiniano Pereyra. This was a non title bout.

▶ Buenos Aires—In Babilonia Stadium, Rafael Azuaga, lightweight, kayoed Carlos Quintana in the second.

▶ Buenos Aires—In Luna Park, Alberto Pineiro lost by TKO in sixth round to Alejandro De la Cruz. They are lightweights. Rolando Caballero, also a lightweight, won in 10 rounds from Vincente Derado, and Hector Cuello kayoed German Escudero in the bantam division.

▶ Rosario—In "Norte" Stadium, lightweight Juan Campos drew in ten rounds with Raul Roldan.

▶ Bahia Blanca—Enrique Mansilla won by a TKO in the third round over Angel Marquez. They are middleweights.

▶ La Plata—Ubaldo Sacco, "challenger" in the middle division, won by a KO in fifth round over Juan Carlos Nicoletti "Kid Rulito".

▶ Buenos Aires—In Luna Park, Eduardo Lausse, returning after a year's layoff, kayoed Antonio Cuevas in the third. The attendance was 22,470 and the receipts, 421,700 Argentine.

▶ Cordoba—Featherweight Vicente Bezzoni won the decision over Osvaldo Vargas, ex-local champion in 10. Bezzoni is the champion of Cordoba.

▶ Bahia Blanca—Enrique Mansilla, middleweight, lost by a TKO in the fifth to Francisco Seron.

▶ Buenos Aires—In the "Babilonia" Stadium, hard punching Omar Ricilio kayoed Juan Carlos Gonzalez, lightweight, in the second round; and featherweight Juan Carlos Molina won by a TKO in the fourth round from Oscar Mores.

▶ Buenos Aires—Osvaldo Paredes and Americo Bonetti, lightweights, drew in ten.

▶ Buenos Aires—A good prospect in the flyweight division, Carlos Miranda, undefeated, won by a TKO in ninth round over Juan Romo in Babilonia Stadium.

▶ La Plata—Antonio Marcilla, welter representative in the Olympic Games at Melbourne, now a professional, kayoed Carlos Lucero in the first.

▶ Buenos Aires—Lightweight champion of Argentina, Jaime Gine won the decision in 10 rounds over Andres Osorio, Chile, in Luna Park.

▶ Buenos Aires—Antonio Diaz, No. 1 contender in the light heavyweight division, won in 10 rounds over Raul Saavedra in "Babilonia" Stadium.

▶ Buenos Aires—A good Chilean prospect in the featherweight and champion of his country in the division, Roberto Lobos, lost in eight rounds to Pedro Miranda. The doctor halted the sanguinary fight due to a bad cut suffered by Lobos.

OBREGON, SONORA
By E. Campillo

OBREGON—JESUS GONZALES, 110, MAZATLAN, LOST TO RESORTES GUITERREZ, 110, Obregon, 4; Camilio Flores, 134, Empalme, Son., kayoed Poli Vega, 133, Huatabampo, Son., in three.

Manny Linson, 118, Obregon, defeated Bobby Brown, 118, Nogales, (Disqualification—retired by Commissioners).

Ruddy Corona, 115, Obregon, kayoed Bobby Robles, 1. Arnoldo Gil, 136, Obregon, defeated Billy Greaves, Islas Barbados, 10.

OBREGON—Joe Jimenez, 146, lost by a k.o. to Enrique Cruz in one. Lucio Flores, 118, kayoed Tony Flores, 118, in first round.

Camilo Flores, 135, won over Felix "Rafaga" Munoz, in six rounds.

Tony Lopez Smith, 132, kayoed Babe Escalante, 135, in the third.

Ruddy Corona, 119, a good prospect, kayoed Cango Cevallos, 120, in the second.

Tony Navarro, 124, won by a k.o. over Gus Quintero, 124. Young Tony, 148, won over Henry Cruz, 150, in four rounds.

Dandy Esquer, 127, decisioned Lucio Flores, 126, in six.

Many Linson, 120, won an unpopular decision over Babe Sarony, 120, Navojoa, Son., in eight.

Juanito Martinez lost to Arnoldo Gil by "technical decision" in ninth.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

SIOUX CITY, LIKE OTHER CITIES THAT HAVE BEEN DORMANT SO FAR AS BOXING is concerned, hopes to get back into the sport with a bang this winter with several attractive cards. They are in the making. With Terry Lewis, our top heavyweight, as the chief attraction, things are beginning to hum.

▶ LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . Our new address is 2600 South Roswell, Sioux City, Iowa. . . . Our new phone number is 6-9020.

▶ THE MAIL BAG . . . Our mail bag is filled with letters from boxers and managers wishing to show in here. . . . We must have complete records of fighters wishing to show here. If you wish a reply to your letter please enclose stamp, if not, your letter will be answered as space permits in this column. To H. F. at Tampa, Fla., we suggest you buy a Ring Record Book and this for anyone looking for records of the various fighters. Will see you next month.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

WHAT WAS EXPECTED TO BE A FAIRLY EVEN BATTLE BETWEEN Don Horner, 161, Arizona and Miami, "Ring" magazine prospect of several months ago, and Sugar Boy Nando, 157, middleweight champion of the Netherlands West Indies, turned into a one-sided affair as Nando battered Horner all over the ring during the first round and knocked him out in the second round with 39 seconds left in the round.

In a scheduled 8-round semi-final, Kid Fenton, 157, Aruba, blasted Samuel Nunes, 153, Venezuela, three times to the canvas in the second round to win by TKO as the referee stopped the bout. Young Walcott, 139 Aruba, came off the canvas in the third round to win a very close decision over Easy Boy Sonny, 141, Aruba, in a 4-rounder.

Johnny Gumbs, 135, Aruba, easily decisioned Young Jackson, 133, Aruba, in another 4-rounder. Kid Alfonso, 132, Aruba, easily won a 4-round decision over Kid Spider, 127, Aruba, in one of the best bouts of the evening.

In the opening 3-rounder, Kid Webster, 145, Aruba, decisioned Blue Rock Jr., 149, Aruba.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan Copeland

PANAMA'S BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION, Melvin Bourne, 123½, lost a close ten rounder to Jesus Santa Maria, 126½, at the National Gym, operated by Promoters Reid and Torres. The largest crowd in some time saw 24 rounds of good boxing.

Rodolfo Marshall, 125, beat Manuel Prescott, 125, in a good bout of six rounds. Cisco Kid, 118½, decisioned Toney Gomez, 121, in four. Basilio Williams, 125½, won from Ezekial Arroy, 126, in four.

▶ A new lightweight champion of Panama was crowned at the National Gymnasium on a card promoted by Jose Luis Torres head of the Torres Promotion firm. Horaccio Otis, 134, after trailing for nine rounds, knocked out Enrique Peres, 134, to win the crown that has been vacant for some time. A left to the body and a right to the chin ended the affair in the tenth round.

In the semi-final of six rounds, Roberto Murillo, 124½, won from Arturo Smith, 124½. German Aguilero, 123½, won a four rounder from Antonio Torregloso, 120½. Jose Rivas beat Alfonso Chose, in four. Each scaled 124½.

FROM MOBILE, ALA.
By Art Drago

MOBILE, ALA.—MOBILE FIGHT FANS WERE OFFERED TWO PRO cards during the month of October and both programs were good ones.

Welterweight Dale Davis, Houston, stopped unbeaten Jimmy Lane of New Orleans after three tough rounds in the feature attraction on the month's first card. It was a bloody affair. Davis manhandled Lane in the third and the New Orleans boy suffered a bad cut under the eye which led the referee to end the scrap. Both boys weighed 145.

Cheffy Reyna, 146, Mobile, stopped Henry Wilson, 144, Houston (4); Clifton Enlier, 175, Mobile, halted Johnny Walker, 178, Houston (4); Sam Bombiano, 130, won by TKO over Earl Warren, 134, Houston (2); Marlin Moore, 147, Mobile, decisioned Sonny Saean, 142, Houston (4).

▶ Bombiano, the classy Mobile featherweight, won his 22 bouts in 24 pro tries when he stopped Hernando Gonzales of Mexico City in the eighth and last scheduled round later in the month. Bombiano floored Gonzales three times in the seventh before the ref stopped the bout in th final canto. Bombiano weighed 130, Gonzales 127.

Gene Hymel, 161, Algiers, La., stopped favored Vince Bonomo, 150, New Orleans (5); Chaffy Reyna, 142, Mobile, decisioned Bobby Flores, 151, Houston (4) and Tommy (Hurricane) Sims, 168, Houston, got the nod over Mobile's Clifton Enlier, 170 (4).

▶ Mangers and fighters interested in making contacts in Mobile are asked to write the oversigned, c/o P. O. Box 1609, Mobile.

"HARRIS IS MY TYPE OF FIGHTER"

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excellent publicity, is well liked and all he needs, I'd say, is stiffer competition.

"On the records, I like Machen, Pastrano, Harris and Folley in that order. Harris has the punch, I've been told, and excites the fans. He will get over his weaknesses in time. I've been told he telegraphs his punches and lacks a tight defense. Leave it to Viscusi and Bill Gore, his trainer, to overcome those faults."

I inquired what Jack thought about Pat McMurtry, whom he has seen fight, and he replied:

"He looked mighty good when I saw him stop Bobo Olson. Like Folley, Pat hasn't faced the kind of opposition that gives one a good opportunity to judge his worth but he's a hero among his folks. They think the world of him in the Northwest and are willing to go down heavily on his chances against any of the top heavyweights.

"There's one fellow who should have been brought East by the International Boxing Club. I can't understand why he has been neglected. Remember Rex Layne? They did the same with him until your magazine forced the issue and then look what Rex did as an attraction. I think McMurtry would duplicate the interest Layne showed on his first appearances in New York."

So does Jack Dempsey, who has done so much travelling as a referee both in boxing and wrestling, size up the heavyweight situation. What boxing wouldn't give to have a Dempsey right now!

"I'm angling to find a good heavyweight. Perhaps my story will bring out some unknown from the farms, mines or lumber fields," the old Manassa Mauler concluded.

"If you see such in your travels, turn him over to me. I stand all expenses to build up any one I believe in, any fighter who I think possesses the qualifications to make good. Let's see who'll get on the band wagon first."

There's your chance, boys. What an offer for the right guy!

FROM OUR READERS

(Continued from page 5)

been refereeing since 1936 and at no time have I given a local idol the better of it, this being one of the reasons for the criticism.

Among the bouts in which I have officiated are the Moore vs. Satterfield; Archer vs. Tony Riccio; Tippy Larkin vs. Aldo Minelli; Jenkins vs. Lastre; Rodak vs. Jackie Wilson, among others. My last fight was the Basilio vs. Vic Cardell affair in Toledo.

We have seen many changes in the past twenty years and I agree with The Ring staff that TV has been responsible for the lack of competitors and the fall of spectators. I think that if we put our shoulders behind a move to revive amateur boxing, we would soon obtain the material necessary to place pro boxing back in the spotlight.

Tony Ousby,
Toledo, Ohio

PATTERSON'S RUDE AWAKENING

Sirs:

Kindly place this epistle in the column—From our Readers. In the Ring issue of October, 1957, a dream fight was imagined between Rocky Marciano and Patterson by Mr. Johnny Salak. I wish to bring to Mr. Salak's notice, that a dream means just the opposite. In other words, Rocky Marciano in reality gave Patterson a ko in the seventh round.

The dream must have been very amusing to Rocky, as it was to me.

F. J. Venter,
Dordrecht, So. Africa

NEWS FROM CUBA

By Dr. Jorge A. Vieites

HAVANA — MIDDLES CHAMP, BABY LINARES, 156½, RETAINED HIS TITLE, decisioning Andres Gonzalez, 157¼, in 12.

Baby Rosales, 128, lost on a foul in 4 to Wilfredo Gonzalez, 127. Miguel Lazu, 118¼, won in 8, over Victor Recio, 120½. Enrique Casanova, 113, defeated Rafael Correa, 111¼, in 4. Antonio Ballegas, 145, won also in 4, from Juan Vera, 148.

▶ Havana—Weiter titular, Miguel Diaz, 150, won in ten from Venezuela's king, Ismael Espana, 150½. Al Bisbe, 135¾, drew in 8 with Wilfredo Hurst, 137½. Felix Gutierrez, 118, scored a t.k.o. in 5, over Mario Sosa, 116½. Pedro La Barrere, 127¾, won in 4 from Hector Medina, 125. Aldo Hernandez, 129½, won in four from Pablo Torres, 132¾.

▶ Havana—Kid Fichique, 146½, won in ten from Jimmy Beecham, 149¾, from Miami, Fla. Armando Baragano, 136½, won in 10 from Albert Robinson, 132¾. Paul Diaz, 157½, k.o. 2, Pastor Vizcaino, 152½. Doug Vaillant, 122½, drew in 4 with Pastor Marrerio, 123½. Hiram Bacallao, 113, k.o. 3, Sergio Aguilar, 110.

▶ Havana—Orlando Castillo, 127, in an excellent fight, decisioned Huesito Gonzalez, 125¼, in ten fast rounds. Venezuelean Tony Padron, 131½, won in 8, in another excellent fight from Schoolboy Leyva, 133¼. Isaac Espinosa, 131½, won in 4 from Luciano Flores, 135. Tony Espino, 129½, won in 4 from Luis Gonzalez, 129¼. Arcadio Alvarez, 136, won in 4 from Pablo Torres, 138.

▶ Havana—Baby Colon, 154¾, stopped Hank Jones, 153¾, Washington, in 7. Luis M. Rodriguez, 154½, won in 8 from Gomeo Brennan, 147½, Miami Beach, Fla. Johnny Sarduy, 119¾, stopped Ken MacCurry, 115¾, Miami, in 3. Emilio Laferte, 136, lost in 6 with Miamiam Freddy Cozart, 134. Rene Garcia, 119, won in 4 from Mariano Hernandez, 118½.

▶ Havana—Angel Garcia, 130, won easily in 10 from Venezuela's Chicharrita Medina, 128¼, avenging a previous defeat. Felix Gutierrez, 118½, stopped Julio Junco, 119¼, in 3. Hiram Baccallao, 112¼, won in four from Kiki Casanova, 114½. Servelio Fuentes, 152, stopped Julian Yanez, 150 in 4. Urtimio Ramos, 123½, stopped Rene Arce, 122, in two. Pedro Napoles, 137, won in 4 from Pablo Torres, 142.

▶ Havana—Light-heavy champion, Julio Carreras, 159, was stopped in the 6 a non-title bout by Andres Gonzalez, 160. Joaquin Castillo, 130, won in eight from Wilfredo Gonzalez, 126¾. Orlando Gonzalez, 135½, won in 6 from Tony Lamelas, 136½. Miguel Torres, 126, won in 4 from Pastor Marrero, 126. Antonio Ballagas, 144¼, stopped Radames Caballero, 142¼, in 3.

▶ Havana—Cuba's flyweight champion, Oscar Suarez, 114, looked impressive when he stopped clever, tough Mexican, Mario de Leon, 111¾, in fifth of a scheduled ten rounder. Julian Perez, 134, won in eight from Rollie Garcia, 136. Rolando Morales, 128, stopped Gervasio Rodriguez, 129, in 5. Aldo Hernandez, 128, drew in 4 with Pedro La Barrere, 129. Jorge Nunez, 113¾, stopped Roberto Cordero, 113, in two.

▶ Havana—Orlando Echevarria, 135, looked well while winning a tough, rough tenner from Armando Baragano, 135½. Baby Sagarra, 135, won in eight from Carlos Chivas, 138½. Emilio Laferte, 132½, won in 6 from Antonio Espino, 130¾. Felix Samada, 148, k.o. 4, Orlando Penalver, 146. Emilio Fellobel, 126½, won in four from Sergio Agramonte, 123¾.

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

FEATURE

By BOB ALLEN

HERE we are approaching the end of 1957 and what kind of a year has it been for boxing? It's been a year in which the world heavyweight champion defended his title against an amateur; a boxer threatened to sue a Boxing Commission for depriving him of his "human rights"; a so-called independent promoter staged a heavyweight championship bout at a New York ball park; two Wednesday night television fights in succession ended inside one round; a boxer was found guilty in one State of a crime allegedly committed in another; a ring rope split in the sixth round of a title bout at Madison Square Garden and three referees got clouted on the chin while officiating and landed on the canvas.

It's been a year in which a manager turned back part of his fighter's purse to save a promoter from losing money; a fight in Connecticut was postponed because of a heat wave; a capable commissioner in Indiana was relieved of his job because the Governor had a friend who coveted it; a former champion disputed the accuracy of Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book and lost a bundle of dough on a tv quiz show; a promoter dropped $75,000 on a promotion which grossed $545,000; a television sponsor abandoned boxing as a medium and wound up losing money for the first time in many years; a boxing judge went to jail after a banking scandal and boxing again became a case on the calendar of the Supreme Court of the United States. Quite a year!

■ **In reporting the Boston contest between Tony DeMarco and Virgil Akins** which Akins won on a knockout in the fourteenth round, the United Press said that one of the officials "inexplicably" had DeMarco in front at the time of the kayo. Come, come, United Press—this was Boston.

■ **When Col. Eddie Eagan was chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission** he objected to the term "*grudge fight*" to describe a bout between any two ring gladiators. It was Eagan's theory, and we agree with him, that the phrase was overworked, rarely had validity, and was usually unnecessary in the ballyhooing of a fistic contest.

We thought about this recently in reading of a "grudge fight" between Bobby Boyd, Chicago middleweight, and Franz Szuzina, of Germany, which took place at Syracuse. The story failed to mention who was angry at whom and why. What was the grudge all about? Do they still harbor ill feeling against each other? Are the managers feuding? Sure wish these stories would give us all the facts and not begrudge us readers vital information.

■ **Tommy Tibbs, Boston lightweight,** had 85 fights, many of them main events, before making his first appearance in a televised contest. For a while there, Tommy was beginning to think he just wasn't photogenic.

■ **Bulletins issued by the N. Y. State boxing board** continue to spell Carmen Basilio's name with two "l's." We understand this is being corrected—on the theory that if anybody knocks the "l" out of Basilio it will be the Commission. And if Carmen is annoyed by the misspelling of his name, let him be comforted by the fact that Joe Louis still gets mail addressed to him as Joe Lewis.

■ **Met a fellow the other day who has a cure for boxing's ills:** "*A few good fights,*" he said, "*and boxing would be resusticated.*"

■ **We were much impressed with the speech made by Bishop Bernard J. Sheil** at a testimonial luncheon for Ike Bernstein, veteran Chicago manager, in the Windy City. Bishop Sheil jestingly referred to the fact that when he headed the Catholic Youth Organization he was referred to as "*The Mike Jacobs of the Hierarchy.*"

But in a more serious vein, Bishop Sheil spoke of boxing as "*a much maligned sport and criticized at times most unfairly.*" He called boxing "*a common denominator which brings together people of all races, creeds, religions,*" and, speaking of men like Jim Jeffries, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Benny Leonard, Willie Ritchie, Packy McFarland, Joe Louis, Johnny Coulon, Barney Ross, and others, Bishop Sheil said:

"*From the quality of their work, in the ring and out of it, we begin to measure the quality of this sport of boxing and its contributions to our life.*"

The testimonial to Bernstein was in honor of his 81st birthday, and was attended by more than 300 of Chicago's most illustrious citizens, including Mayor William Daley. As we've mentioned before in these notes, Ike is still one of boxing's busiest managers and travels from one end of the country to the other. More important, however, is the fact that he still finds time to work actively with groups combatting juvenile delinquency and in many other ways contributing to the good welfare of the community. Ike is boxing's "grand old man" but he retains a youthful enthusiasm toward the sport in which he has spent more than 60 years.

■ **Eddie Machen, we read somewhere,** has a knack for recalling with great accuracy the places, dates, opponents, time of kayoes, and other details of his ring career. We bet there are a couple he'd like to forget—like his meeting with Joey Maxim in a Louisville, Ky., ring earlier this year.

■ **In an interview with a sports writer, Abe Simon,** one-time heavyweight contender, said his biggest purse was $7,500 which he got after his second bout with Joe Louis, in New York. The sports writer neglected to mention that this was exactly $7,500 more than Joe Louis received. The fight was for Army Emergency Relief and the great Brown Bomber, you'll recall, turned over his entire purse of $36,146 to the fund.

■ **The Cleveland Browns football team** is experimenting with energy pills to prevent the team from "letting down" during late stages of a game. If the experiment works we recommend the pills be tried by well-conditioned boxers who stagger to their corners after the fifth round of a scheduled ten and complain they're pooped.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

HARRINGAY . . . Willie Pastrano, 188½, of New Orleans, Louisiana, "Came, Saw and Conquered" not only Di k Richardson of Newport, 199, but every one who sat in at the packed to capacity arena. Pastrano the American highly rated heavyweight superbly fit, set a fast pace and Richardson was peppered in every one of the ten rounds by a snappy left jab, not once but two-three-or four times before he could get set to land a telling blow on The American "Will of The Wisp," . . . Willie, rated fourth in Nat Fleischer's "Worlds Ratings" gave a most polished boxing display that has rarely been seen in a British Ring.

It took an American to show us Britishers "REAL BOXING". The way Pastrano would draw a lead and then counter with a succession of left jabs, was a pleasure to watch.

At the end of the ten rounds with the raising of The American's hand as the winner, the large crowd rose from their seats as one, giving him the most rousing ovation I have ever seen given to any visiting boxer . . . Although Dick Richardson was never in the picture, he certainly was full of grit and guts throughout, trying to land one of his swings to the fast-moving American. It is only right that when I saw Dick in the dressing room after the Boxing lesson he received, he remarked to me "How could I do anything Johnny with these hands" and on inspection I saw that they were both swollen to almost twice their size. I am pleased to say that after X-ray examination, they were happy to state that no bones were broken.

Peter Waterman, British Welterweight Champion, 148¼, was way off form against Ben Buker, Spain, 147, in a ten spot. The Spaniard gave Waterman quite a lot of trouble in the early rounds, and it was only in the last couple of rounds that the British Champion got on top to gain a narrow points decision.

Gerald Gray, Jamaica, Welterweight Champion of The West Indies, 149½, did not set the Thames on fire in his eight round bout with Eddie Phillips, Edinburgh, 152, he certainly won on points, but he will have to show quite a lot better to be considered as a possible Title contender . . . Mick Lehay, Dublin, now of Coventry, 147½, was in devastating form against Jackie Butler, Preston, 147½, and after the latter had taken several counts, the referee wisely stopped the contest in the third.

Les Allen, Bedworth, 166½, and Ben Salah Farhat, Tunis, 162, slugged it out for eight rounds to a draw . . . Paddy Delargy, Galway, 159, was more accurate in his deliveries against John Woolard, Glasgow, 161, and was declared a points winner in a hard hitting eight . . . Basil Kew, Putney, 184, outpointed Alan Hand, Blackpool, 219, in six.

▶BIRMINGHAM . . . Randy Turpin, British Cruiserweight Champion, 172½, scored a second round win over Sergio Burchi of Italy, 177, when referee Bill Williams stepped in and called enough after the Italian had taken two counts and the latter's second and manager, Aldo Spoldi, had thrown in the towel. When the bout was stopped the fans voiced their disapproval in no uncertain manner.

Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, defeated a fellow Countryman in Eddie Bee, in the fifth round when the latter retired with a damaged hand. . . . The big surprise of the evening was the K.O. defeat of the promising Dublin welterweight Mick Leahy, who was knocked out by Tommy Tagoe, Ghana, in the first round. This was Leahy's first defeat in professional boxing.

▶LEYTON . . . Terry Downes, Paddington, 157½, outpunched Eddie Phillips, Edinburgh, 152¾, and referee Eddie Maguire wisely stopped the bout in the third when Phillips showed no defense against the heavy body punishment that Downes was handing out. . . . Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, won his fourth bout with a points win at the expense of Len Harvey, Cardiff, in a six round featherweight contest.

Eddie Wright, Mile End, outpointed Ron Redrup, West Ham, in an eight round cruiserweight bout . . . Jack Whittaker, Warwick, stopped Abe Stanley, Poole, in the sixth . . . Dave Sammons, West Ham, stopped Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, in the sixth of a heavyweight bout.

▶PAISLEY . . . Peter Keenan, British and Empire Bantamweight Champion, gained a clear points win over Alfred Schweer of Germany, in a ten round contest. The German fighter received a grand ovation at the end for his clever display against The Scot. . . . Willie Armstrong, Port Glasgow, holder of the Scottish Middleweight title, was awarded the decision over Alex Buxton, Watford, in the sixth round when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye . . . Chic Calderwood, Craigneuk, 172, punched too hard for Tommy Summers, Birkenhead, 188. The referee halted the contest after 91 seconds of the first round to save Summers from further punishment. . . . Arthur Donachie, Greenock, 132, was hard pressed to gain a narrow points win over Jim "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 132¾, in eight exciting rounds.

Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 118¼, is a lad to be watched for future Title Honours. When he was matched against Jake Tuli, South Africa, former Empire Flyweight Champion, 117, Rafferty gave a polished performance in the 8 rounds. . . . Alex Ambrose, Glasgow, 115¼, forced the referee to intervene in his favour in the fifth to save Jim Loughrey, Derry, 115¼, further punishment.

▶LIVERPOOL . . . Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 147¾, had little difficulty in outpointing Joe Janssens, Belgium, 147¾, in their ten round contest. . . . Wally Swift, Nottingham, 147½, a new addition to the paid ranks, gained a good win over Willie Smith, Manchester, 144, in six. . . . George Mason, Bootle, 128, stopped Tony Russell, Leeds, 130, in the third.

Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 114½, and Paddy Walmsley, Preston, 114, fought four rounds to a draw. . . . Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 123, defeated Bert Harris, Liverpool, 125, in the third when the referee intervened after the latter had received a badly cut eye.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . Dennis Booty, Stepney, 160, was most fortunate to have his unbeaten record intact when he met Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 160½, in the feature bout. Referee Mickey Fox had Booty in the lead on his card at the end of eight rounds, but the members of THE CLUB had other ideas, for they voiced their opinion in no light hearted manner, for to them Lynas was a clear winner . . . Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 159, was a worthy points winner over Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 157½, in a thrilling six. . . . Cliff Brown, Northampton, 135½, defeated Jimmy McLachlan, Paddington, 134½, in the third session when the latter was ruled out for a low blow. . . . Dave George, Woking, 152¾, was too aggressive for Don Simmons, Bellingham 145¾, in their six, and was a worthy winner. . . . Denis Wingrove, Basildon, 158½, defeated Peter Goldie, Todmorden, 161, in the fourth, the referee intervened when the latter received a badly cut eye.

▶SHOREDITCH . . . Terry Downes, Paddington, 156, took less than two rounds to dispose of Derek Liversidge, Retford, 153¼. In that time the young prospect from Retford was on the mat for four counts and unable to curb the aggressiveness of "The Non-Stop Express" from Paddington . . . Gil Neill, Belfast, 125, was always going the better in his bout against George Dormer, West Ham, 125¼, over eight rounds. The clever Irish Lad was making his first appearance in an English ring, and I am sure that he will be a welcome invader after his clear cut win over Dormer. . . . Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, 129½, defeated Jim Fisher, Belfast, 132, in the fourth round, the referee Pat Floyd intervened after Fisher had taken three counts in the fourth. . . . Len Harvey, Cardiff, 127¾, stopped Terry Brown, West Ham, 129, in the fifth. . . . Mike Robins, Camberwell, 147¾, stopped Johnny McMullen, Cardiff, 150, in the fifth when the latter received a badly cut eye.

▶SOUTHAMPTON . . . Dave Charnley, British Lightweight Champion, 133½, having his first outing since joining The British Army, outpointed Joe Woussem, Belgium, 133½, in almost every round, and it was no surprise when the referee stopped the bout during the last round of the scheduled 10, stating that Charnley was too far ahead on points. . . . Johnny Howard, Holloway, 122, gained a fine points win over Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 126, after eight hard hitting rounds. . . . Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 148½, after a long lay off, returned to the ring with a points win at the expense of Paul King, Bournemouth, 149, in eight. . . . Bill Goodwin, Lambeth, 134, showed good improvement in outpointing Duggie Lewis, Nottingham, 134½, in six. . . . Eddie Hughes, Walworth, 135½, knocked out Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 133, in the first.

▶BIRMINGHAM . . . Fenrick Ward, Trinidad, 220¾, was too big and strong for the South African, Colin Strauch, 186, who was game to last out the eight rounds. . . . Barney Beale, Lambeth, 136½, outpointed Teddy Barker, Swindon, 136½, in eight. . . . Con Mount Bassey, Jamaica, 127½, stopped Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 123½, in the sixth, the referee intervening after the latter had taken two counts of eight.

Jacob Dempsey, Antigua, 152½, was too strong for Teddy Teal, Doncaster, 146¾, and it was no surprise when the latter retired at the end of the fourth. . . . Terry Banning, Warwick, 139, and Jimmy Cottrill, Birken-

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(to November 24, 1957)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Joe Bygraves (J)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Yama Bahama (B)	Attu Clottey (G)
3. Dick Richardson (W)	Johnny Halafihi (To)	Clive Stewart (A)	Peter Waterman (E)
4. Brian London (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Martin Hansen (E)	Boswell St. Louis (T)
5. Kilione Lave (To)	Sammy Langford (N)	Wilf Graves (C)	Sandy Manuel (N)
6. Henry Cooper (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Dick Tiger (N)	Gerald Gray (J)
7. Manuel Burgo (E)	Arthur Howard (E)	Les Allen (E)	Hector Constance (T)
8. Tom Hini (F)	Albert Finch (E)	Terry Downes (E)	Tommy Molloy (E)
9. George Chuvalo (C)	Ricardo Marcos (A)	Phil Edwards (W)	Jimmy Newman (E)
10. Henry Bray (F)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Freddie Cross (W)	Tommy Tagoe (G)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Willie Toweel (SA)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dennis Adams (SA)
2. Dave Charnley (E)	Percy Lewis (T)	Dick White (A)	Frankie Jones (S)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Pete Kawala (C)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Terry Spinks (E)
4. Max Carlos (A)	Charley Hill (S)	John Smillie (S)	Malcolm McLeod (E)
5. Paddy Graham (I)	Jimmy Brown (I)	Graham v. d. Walt (SA)	Warner Batchelor (A)
6. Russell Sands (A)	Aryee Jackson (G)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Ivan McCready (I)
7. Ron Hinson (E)	Gil O'Neill (I)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Lloyd Gordon (C)
8. George Martin (E)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Chic Brogan (S)	Bindi Jack (A)
9. George Bracken (A)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Pat Supple (C)	Ezekial Schole (SA)
10. Sammy Bonnici (M)	Kimpo Amarfio (G)	Louis Joshua (SA)	Ado Garuba (G)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

head, 141, drew over six rounds. . . . Freddy Skeath, Luton, 195, won on points against Stan Davis, Kettering, 182, in six.

▶ WEMBLEY . . . Alf Drew, Hackney, 128 and Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 125½, fought evenly for eight rounds before the referee called it a draw. . . . Leo McCurtin, Burnt Oak, formally from Dublin, 132, in his first paid bout gained a good points win over Roy Hill, Fulham, 132½, in six. . . . Micky Davis, Walthamstow, 147½, stopped Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 147¾, in the second.

In an all action affair, Joe Fernando, South Africa, 143¾, got up off the floor in the first round to beat Johnny Wells, Acton, 142½, in the sixth and final round, when the referee intervened when the latter received a badly cut eye. . . . Eddie Issel, South Africa, 121, defeated Johnny O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 121½, in the fourth, the latter was disqualified for going down without a blow.

▶ NORWICH . . . Albert Finch, Croydon, Southern Area Cruiserweight Champion gave a boxing lesson to Tony Dove, Battersea, in their ten rounder that was witnessed by a packed hall and millions of T.V. boxing fans. . . . Try as he might Dove who is years younger than Finch, was made to look like a novice at times by The Veteran, who paced the contest to his own liking and avoided the strong rushes of the in-experienced Battersea fighter. . . . Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 145¾, continues to make headway, on this occasion his opponent Pat Eldridge, Plaistow, 143¼, lasted into the second round before taking the full count.

Roy Taylor, Norwich, 130, made it three in a row by the kayo route, Johnny Kilbourne, Leeds, 133, was knocked out in the first. . . . Aubrey Day, Kings Lynn, 124½, easily outpointed Tony Russell, Leeds, 129, in six. . . . Dennis East, Plaistow, 119¾, outpointed Fred Wingfield, Nottingham, 117¼, in a lively six. . . . Barry Wingfield, Nottingham, 127, gained a good win at the expense of Tommy Cardew, Holloway, 125, in six.

▶ BELFAST . . . The Luck of The Irish was well in evidence when Billy Kelly, Derry, 136½, was awarded A DRAW in his ten round bout with Martinique boxer, Fernand Nollet, 135. . . . Paddy Graham, Belfast's up-and-coming lightweight who has been having a long winning reign, 137¼, scored a clear cut points win over Jean Paternotte, Belgium, 137¾, in ten.

Freddie Gilroy, Belfast, 119, was well tested by George O'Neill, Belfast, 122, before the bout was stopped in Gilroy's favour in the seventh. . . . Al Sharpe, Belfast, 135¾, defeated Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 136¾, in the sixth when the latter was forced to retire. . . . Ivan McCready, Millisle, 118¾, knocked out Billy Downer, London, 116¼, in the fourth.

▶ NOTTINGHAM . . . If ever there was a sensational win in the records of boxing, then it was left to Charlie Hill, Cambuslang, to top the lot. When the match was made for The Scot to defend his British Featherweight title against the undefeated Irishman, Jimmy Brown, odds of 100 to 1 on his chances were refused. During the contest at times the odds were justified, for Hill in several occasions went back to his corner a beaten man. Then to the surprise of the fans in the packed arena, Charlie came out of his corner completely refreshed. The bout was exciting throughout.

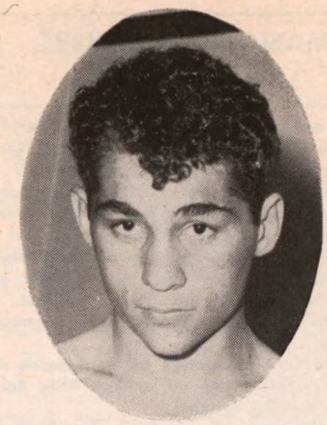
Here was the undefeated Irishman, Brown, throwing all kinds of punches at his opponent and it was only GUTS, yes:— Guts, that kept the gallant Scot from going under. During the ninth round Hill took severe punishment, but with COURAGE rarely seen in the ring, he fought back furiously.

When the bell ended the round, the Referee and the two fighters did not hear the bell owing to the roar of the crowd. Hill went back to his corner on rubbery legs but when the tenth gong sounded, he went to the center of the ring to make this the last round and show the crowd that he will lose his championship as a CHAMPION should, GO DOWN FIGHTING.

Surprise, Surprise, for it was Charlie Hill, the 1-to-1000 underdog who was now the fighting demon. He unleashed a right and Brown fell flat on his face and did not move a muscle while referee Jack Hart tolled the fatal seconds over Brown.

Hogan Bassey, World's Featherweight Champion, having his first bout since winning the title, easily outpointed Victor Pepeder, France, in a match made at 128 pounds. Although the ten rounds were fought at a fast pace, at no time was the Frenchman in any serious trouble.

Ayree Jackson, Ghana, 126, outpointed Aime Devisch, Belgium, 127, in eight. . . . Wally Swift, Nottingham, 148, outpointed Cliff Lawrence, Rotherham, 147, in a hard fought six. . . . Brian Jones, Nottingham,



Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La., heavyweight, whose ring science dazzled the British. His polished boxing display amazed a packed Harringay Arena as he easily defeated Dick Richardson.

134, narrowly outpointed Doug Lewis, Beeston, 134, in six.

▶ ROYAL ALBERT HALL . . . Willie Toweel, South Africa, holder of the British Empire Lightweight title, 137, enhanced his reputation with a clear win on points over ten interesting rounds against the former world's Lightweight Champion, Jimmy Carter of America, 137. . . . For the first four rounds, Toweel went ahead with a neat left, scoring repeatedly to the face. Carter stalked his man throughout but could not connect with his heavy hooks, but later in the bout when he did land on the South African's jaw, he did not have the little extra to further his advantage.

Terry Spinks, West Ham, 114, had to keep moving against Pancho Bhatachaji, India, 112, throughout the eight rounds, and at the end of an interesting bout Spinks was a clear winner. . . . Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 117½, gained a good win over Len Reece, Cardiff, 118, in eight. . . . Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 162, gained a points win over Alan Dean, Birkenhead, 159¾, in eight. . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 123, outpointed Dennis East, Plaistow, 122¾, in six. . . . Billy Goodwin, Lambeth, 136, outpointed Johnny Lomey, Euston, 135¾, in six. . . . Terry Harper, Walthamstow, 127¾, knocked out Tony Russell, Leeds, 131, in the fourth.

▶ NEWCASTLE . . . Boswell St. Lewis, Trinidad, 144½, was too good for Gerry Hassett, Belfast, 149½, and the result was a foregone conclusion after the first gong had gone. The Irish lad was forced to take the full count in the third round after receiving a left hook to the jaw.

Ebe Mensah, Ghana, 138½, outstayed John McNally, Belfast, 137½, when the latter was punched to a standstill in the seventh, the referee called it a day naming Mensah the winner.

George Bowes, West Hartlepool, 117¾, was too good for Jake Tuli, South Africa, 116¼, in their eight rounder and finished a comfortable winner. . . . Bowes having his sixth professional bout is a promising top class bantamweight, but too much cannot be taken for granted on his showing against Tuli, who is but a shadow of his early form when he first arrived in England. This is the third contest that Tuli has tried for his comeback, but has failed each time. He has now taken the advice of Manager Jim Wicks and called it a day.

Tommy McGuiness, Glasgow, 137½, stopped Johnny Bamborough, West Hartlepool, 131¾, in the fourth when the latter received a badly cut eye. . . . Jimmy Cottrell, Birkenhead, 142, outpointed Brian Husband, Hull, 143, in six. . . . George McDade, Glasgow, 116, outpointed Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 111, in six.

▶ BAMBURY . . . The only Lady Promoter in Great Britain, Mrs. Ethel Usher, brought back professional boxing to the town of Bambury, and the crowd turned out in full to give her support. In the main bout, Ronnie Vale, Warwick, 158, and Billy Collins, Stepney, 156, gave the fans what they had paid to see. For six rounds they battled away to their heart's content, and at the last bell they both received a tremendous ovation followed by a shower of coin of The Realm, this always follows when the fans have witnessed a hard fought bout. The decision was awarded to Vale, but if there had to be a winner then the Warwick battler deserved his victory.

Eddie Issel, South Africa, 115, won a close points win over Billy Downer, Stoke Newington, 115, in six. . . . Wally Swift, Nottingham, 144, easily outpointed Terry Tully, Brighton, 142, in six. . . . Charlie Williams, Deptford, 135, was a clear winner over Terry Banning, Warwick, 136, in six.

Mick Davis, Walthamstow, 145, knocked out Rufus King, British Guiana, 147, in the third. . . . Brian Jones, Nottingham, 129, defeated Cliff Brown, Northampton, 131½, in the third. . . . It was interesting to note that Harold Berens the well known comedian acting as Master of Ceremonies, and a fine job he did.

▶ PRESTON . . . Abe Stanley, Poole, 177, was ruled out in the fifth round against Redvers Sangoe, Cardiff, 179¼, for an alleged low blow. . . . Peter Goldie, Todmorden, 161, was fortunate to be named the winner over Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 156, in the fifth when Cox who was well ahead on points received a badly cut eye and was forced by the referee to retire.

Percy James, Southport, 129, knocked out Alf Cottam, Preston, 128, in the first. . . . Jeff Hollingworth, Bradford, 140, and Roy Peterson, Blackpool, 136½, drew in four. . . . Ray Ward, Manchester, 163, and Johnny Routledge, Ambleside, 158, drew in four.

▶ GREAT YARMOUTH . . . Colin Strauch, South Africa, 185, was declared the winner over Joey Parsons, Ilford, 185½, in the fifth when the latter received a badly cut eye. . . . Vic Bower, Hornchurch, 136, outpointed Roy Taylor, Norwich, 131½, in a hard fought six. . . . Denis Wingrove, Dagenham, 156½, outpointed Fred Jackson, Haslingfield, 159½, in six.

Tony Webster, Norwich, 128½, fought well to outpoint Roy Hill, Fulham, 128, in a spirited six. . . . Doug Lewis, Nottingham, 134½, outpointed Maurice Murfitt, Downham, 133, in a hard fought six. . . . Johnny O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 121½, outpointed Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 124½, in six. . . . Peter Pickering, Dagenham, 132, outpointed Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 133½, in six.

▶ BOURNEMOUTH . . . Abe Stanley, Poole, 177¾, knocked out Jack Da Costa, Barbados, 178½, in the second round. . . . Eltoro Steed, Trinidad, 147½, reversed a previous decision against Gordon Goodman, Christchurch, 143½, when he was declared the winner in a hard fought eight. . . . Johnny Fish, Harlow, 147½, and Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 148, battled hard for eight rounds with honours even.

Colin Yandell, Bristol, 168, seemed to have been in the lead at the end of his six round contest with Vernon Goodman, Christchurch, 169½, but the referee had them even on his score card, and declared a draw. . . . Alex Bryant, Islington, 129½, outpointed Joey Le Grange, South Africa, 131½, in six.

▶ CHELTENHAM . . . Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 145¼, and Peter Smith, Huddersfield, 149, fought themselves to a standstill in their eight rounder, Referee Dick Burt raised the hand of Richardson as the winner. . . . Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 146, outpointed Billy Kiernan, Shepherds Bush, 140, in eight. . . . Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 156, knocked out Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 160, in the sixth.

Peter Ratcliffe, Bristol, 143½, knocked out Kenny Seaman, Paddington, 149, in the second. . . . Tommy Masebp, Neath, 150¾, won on points over Len Samuels, Hammersmith, 149, in six. . . . Terry Shearon, Cardiff, 131, stopped Terry Coles, Cheltenham, 135, in the fourth.

▶ HAMILTON, Scotland . . . The main bout between Jim (Spike) McCormick, Belfast, 130, and Matt Fulton, Coatbridge, 129½, was the opening contest, for there were ONLY TWO BOUTS for the packed fans at The Town Hall to witness. . . . The Irish lad scored a well merited points win at the end of the eight rounds. . . . In the second bout, Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 120, one of Scotland's most promising bantams, was too good for Billy Skelly, Belfast, 124, and it was no surprise when the latter well beaten was forced to retire with a badly cut eye. . . . The "fiasco," only two contests, didn't please the gathering.

▶ LIVERPOOL . . . Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 163, gave full value for a points win over Kit Pompey, British Guiana, 163¾, in eight. . . . Gerry Jones, Wigan, 122, was too clever for the aggressive Fred Wingfield of Nottingham, 120, in six interesting rounds, and was a worthy winner. . . . Barry Wingfield, Nottingham, 126, was not so fortunate as brother Fred, for although opening in good style against Derek McReynolds, Old Colwyn, 125, he was nevertheless overwhelmed by the aggressiveness of the latter and the referee seeing that Wingfield was in no position to defend himself, wisely stopped the bout in favour of McReynolds in 2 mins. 15 secs. of the first round.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Ike Morales

▶ **When Civil District Judge Viosca ordered the City of New Orleans** to issue a delayed white birth certificate to lightweight boxer Ralph Dupas, it was the greatest victory won by the local title challenger.

Under the judge's order, Dupas is free to resume his boxing career against white foes in his home town. Ralph had brought mandamus proceedings against the city for a birth certificate showing him to be a native of New Orleans and of the white race.

The city, however, contended that Dupas was born in Plaquemines Parish of parents of Negro ancestry.

In his reasons for judgment, Judge Viosca declared that the city failed to establish "beyond a reasonable doubt" that Dupas "is in fact of colored ancestry in either his maternal or paternal lineage."

Judge Viosca also described Dupas as "a man who has been commonly accepted as Caucasian."

The judge also said he found evidence that Dupas is of Caucasian ancestry on his father's side. He said that the senior Dupas' parents, Simon John Dupas and Louise Revon Dupas, were listed as white on their New Orleans voting registration records.

When the judge handed down his decision, Dupas was in Mobile with Manager Whitey Esneault.

"The Lord answered my prayers. I wasn't confident of anything," said Dupas. "I am very happy, very relieved. Now I can really fight again."

▶ CHARLEY JOSEPH is finding it tough sledding trying to secure the top middleweights to meet him. This was especially so following Charleys terrific fight with Spider Webb in Chicago Stadium—a fight which was awarded to Webb. A few months earlier, Joseph defeated Webb in another hectic battle in New Orleans.

Joseph holds victories over Webb, Willie Vaughn, Tombstone Smith, Al "Tiger" Williams and others of note. However, the New Orleans middleweight's manager, Nick Lapara, has been trying to lure Bobby Boyd, Rory Calhoun or any other leading 160-pounder to box Joseph in New Orleans or elsewhere. Local promoters have offered Calhoun and Boyd flattering offers to meet Charley, but to no avail.

To keep in action, Joseph took on Frankie "Kid" Anslem, Philadelphia welterweight, in the Coliseum. Joseph won the fight, but was surprised by the visitors' ability to take all he had to dish out and rally in the final two rounds.

The three officials voted for Joseph. Referee Roland Brown tabbed it 7-2-1 for Joseph. Ditto Judge Ernie Cojoe, while Judge Frederick Adams scored it 6-2-2. My score sheet had it 7-3 for the local boy.

Larry Armstead, out of action for more than a year, returned to the ring to score a second round TKO over Willie Estes of Houston. It was scheduled for six rounds. Larry, at 138, was six pounds lighter than the Texan.

In another interesting attraction, Willie Ransom, 132½, decisioned Al Bell, 138½, in four rounds. It was a fine boxing exhibition. Willie Lee defeated Eddie Heyns in the opening four, while Johnny Powell bested Joy Glason in the other, a split decision affair.

The Joseph-Anselm card was the first under the co-promotion of Bonnie Geigerman and Heard Ragas. While not a real money-maker, the show proved highly successful, especially from the fans' viewpoint. A total of 1453 fans paid a net gate of $2035.54 to see the show.

WILLIE PASTRANO made such a hit with the London fans and press by his convincing 10 round victory over Dick Richardson that the 21-year-old New Orleans heavyweight is being urged to return. In the meantime, however, Pastrano and Manager Whitey Esneault are demanding a return bout with Roy Harris, the Cut And Shoot, Tex., schoolteacher who upset Willie in their June bout at Houston. The encore was originally scheduled for Miami Beach, Fla., but an eye injury suffered by Pastrano in a workout forced the postponement. When the bout was again re-scheduled, Harris turned up with an injury.

Press clippings from London reveal that Pastrano made one of the biggest hits of any foreign heavyweight. Fans there were amazed by Willie's swiftness afoot and his boxing skill. In the past, they have been accustomed to seeing sluggers in action against English boxers, and were elated to see such a polished boxer as Pastrano perform.

▶ Oldtimers mourned the passing, a week apart, of Pascal Colletti and Benny Harvey, New Orleans boxers who performed in the late twenties.

Colletti, a bantamweight whose idol was Pete Herman, boxed a number of 15 rounders with such fighters as Pal Moore, Eddie Coulon, Red Watson, Ashton Donze and Bill Kennedy, and was regarded one of the best boxers in the South at the time.

Harvey boxed lightweights and welterweights during his heyday, and numbered among his opponents Young Stribling, who later blossomed into a full fledged heavyweight.

▶ A fight in New Orleans that would attract a capacity house would be a third and "rubber" match between Ralph Dupas and Kenny Lane. Promoters Geigerman and Ragas have been keeping the wires burning in an effort to lure Lane here.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

CLEVELAND WILLIAMS is the fighter whom this column believes stands the best chance of becoming the next heavyweight champion of the world. This dusky dynamiter from Tampa, has been bowling 'em over so rapidly that top recognition can be certain of the Lou Viscusi-managed and Bill Gore-trained heavy hope. Announcing the above news is not new-found by THE RING MAGAZINE, for it was The Nat Fleischer Bible that spoke so highly about Cleve's ability at the earliest stage of his professional career in Tampa.

THE RING seems to have an uncanny way of predicting future ring stars and champions. Williams makes not only the heavyweight division perk up a good bit but also challenges two other Dixie lads, Willie Pastrano and Roy Harris, the latter another Viscusi-Gore flag-bearer and number five contender in THE RING. In his most recent starts, Williams stopped Bob Albright in six and Johnny Holman in seven at Houston, Texas.

▶ Bob Baker rallied in the last two rounds to earn a 10 rounder over Neal Welch at Miami Beach. 'Twas a spiritless go. Baker, of Pittsburgh scaled at 223½, and Welch, from Toledo, 215.

Gomeo Brennan, outfought Gordon Van Loo in a middleweight scrap that contained action in its 10 rounds. Brennan, 151¼, from Bimini, and Van Loo, 155½, of the University of Miami. This semi-final was well received.

Joe Hymie Budow, 131 pounder from Miami and a recent Ring Magazine Best Prospect (lightweight), added one more to his victim list and the loser in a four was Francis McCrink, 129½, Miami. The winner is managed by Dick Lee.

Levi Pearson, 160, Miami, took a four from James Finney, 153, Miami. Jimmy Watson, 150, Homestead Air Force Base, TKOed Scooter Wilkins, 145¾, Eudora, Arkansas in the opening round. Chris Dundee promoted. Attendance, 1,945, and gate, $3,403.

▶ Prophetic could be the word. Remember several Ring issues back, the fighting face of then Welterweight Champion Carmen Basilio appeared on The Ring cover. Well, some Jacksonville fans, undecided who would win in the forthcoming match between Basilio and then Middleweight Champion Ray Robinson, entrusted their luck on what they thought was an excellent hint, thereby picking Carmen. Result: Victory.

▶ Keep punching, thought Jimmy Beecham, and that proved the difference in his 10 round tiff with Bobby Lane at Miami Beach. Beecham handed Lane his second straight loss, (the first coming at the hands of middleweight contender Joey Giardello on television). The loser's best round was the third when he found room to throw his best punches. However, Beecham was in control and kept on for the unanimous decision. They are local boys and middleweights.

Rocky Randell, Tampa and Pompano Beach, took a tenner from Ray Estepa, of Puerto Rico, by all votes and each fighter tipped the same at 136¼, Jimmy Ford, 144½, Miami, TKOed Willie (Kid) Johnson, of Jacksonville and Miami, in the ninth. Jess Humphries, 148½, Miami, annexed a sixer from Eddie Fobbs, 148½, Hollywood, Florida. Promoter Chris Dundee's show drew 1,699 fans for a gate of $3,081.

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▶ Former Jacksonville boxer and presently Miami fight manager Dick Lee, with charming wife Mary, and several months old offspring, Dick, Jr., honored the ole home town with a stop-off after vacationing in North Carolina. Dick informs that Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., long a sports figure in Florida, has closed his Miami boxing club. This leaves Chris Dundee, at Miami Beach, with the only club around that locale. Things will be picking up time this report is out on the stands.

▶ Commendation for the fine work he did in patching up cuts on the new middleweight champion, Carmen Basilio, is due Angelo Dundee, brother of Miami Beach promoter Chris Dundee. This corner feels Angelo helped Carmen win the crown, I am sure The Champ has the same attitude. Not long after this rousing battle in which the good little man beat the good big man, Angelo took Willie Pastrano to London, England where the Miami Beach heavyweight title aspirant and Ring Magazine's third ranking name gave big Dick Richardson a beautiful lesson in the art of boxing.

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GAVILAN ALWAYS EMBROILED

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"Me have much friends. Dey all ask for money. I give. Nobody I turn down. I spend, spend, spend. My horse, it goes out in front, leads always, den near finish, he falls. I bet all on him. He can't lose I tell everyone and everyone tells me. But he does lose and I lose my bankroll. Dat's why I make comeback.

"Gavilan he still a champ. He still can make much money. A good drawing card. But de cards against him when poor judges take fight from him," the Cuban Keed continued.

Asked if he had any message for the young fighters he replied:

"We all think we young. Not only me. See what happens to Ray Robinson, Joe Louis, Joey Maxim, Ezzard Charles—all except Archie Moore—dey find age creep up and fighting becomes hard. I tell young fighters train hard, keep in good condition, and always fight to win. Age? Dat take care of itself."

LIKES DE MARCO BEST AMONG TOP WELTERS

The Keed, whose real name is Gerardo Gonzales, like so many other great fighters of the past, has let a fortune slip through his hands but he still can fight, draws well at the gate, likes to meet people, loves to scrap—the tougher the better—and figures he can continue to box against the present crop for several more years. He has no intention of quitting just because decisions which he thinks should have been his, have been against him.

Discussing Basilio, Gavilan says he'd like to fight him again.

"Basilio is better fighter now den when I fight him before," he remarked. "He have confidence, is good aggressive fighter, hits hard, and is hard to put down. Robinson also great fighter. Have good chance to win back title if he meet Basilio again."

As for Robinson, Gavilan declared that he is a far better all around ring man than Basilio, hits much harder and gave him his toughest battle.

"In eighth round he hit me and I see million lights. Birds sing in my ears. I didn't know what I do next four rounds. No one ever hit me like dat," the Hawk exclaimed.

Discussing the present elimination to decide Basilio's successor, Gavilan said that Tony De Marco is the man the contenders will have to beat. But he added:

"De Marco best welter. Big, strong, I like fight him again. I lose bad decision to him in Boston. But none can win from him in Boston. You must have gun to win from De Marco. He always get decision if you don't knock him out. Dat's why many good welterweights no want fight him in Boston."

The former Cuban champion remains one of the few colorful battlers in the TV era.

SEEN & HEARD IN N. Y.

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Ramos Soto, 118, Bronx, halted Ed (Kid Chick) Shekovsky, 118½, Westover, Mass., at 1:59 of the second. In fours, Steve Proko, 148, Bronx, whipped Paul Berrios, 150, Puerto Rico; Gene Hannah, 196, Brooklyn, drew with Charles Forrest, 185½, West Side, and Lou Velez, 147, Puerto Rico, polished off Joe Navairo, 147, Brooklyn, at 0:44, 3.

▶ High-rating Ellsworth (Spider) Webb, 158½, Chicago, had to go all-out to finish in front of aggressive Willie Vaughn, 160½, Los Angeles, in a fast-moving, hard-hitting ten in Madison Square Garden. The busy Vaughn set the pace most of the way, but the shiftier, counter-punching Webb had much the better of the action until the last two rounds. Domasco Collazo, 136¼, Cuba, turned in a neat job in the semi-final, scheduled for eight rounds, by stopping Henry (Toothpick) Brown, 137, Philadelphia, at 2:32 of the fifth. Collazzo dropped Brown twice in that round, both times with left hooks. The lanky Philadelphian was down for nine on his first trip to the canvas, and the count had reached five on his second jaunt when Referee George Walsh decided enough was sufficient. George Chimenti, 159, Yorkville, decisioned Rinzy Nocero, 160¾, in a mauling eight. In fours, Frank Medley, 137½, Brooklyn, drew with a borough rival, Leroy Tucker, 140, and Frankie Figuera, 131¼, Harlem, stopped Charley Driver, 127, Brooklyn, 1:12 of 1.

▶ No. 13 held no terrors for unbeaten Genorace (Gene) Armstrong, 154, Linden, N. J., who ran his string of consecutive victories to that figure by trouncing his first "name" opponent, Randy Sandy, 156, Harlem, in an interesting ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Starting slowly but picking up speed as the bout progressed, Armstrong turned in a workmanlike job against his lanky and more experienced rival. The Jerseyan repeatedly tagged Sandy with left jabs and looping rights to the head, and had the Harlemite in trouble in the last two rounds. Bertram Bailey, 147, Harlem, edged out a split decision over Billy Flamio, 146¼, Bronx, in a hard fought semi-final six. Another six produced a verdict for Joe Fusco, 148, Waterbury, Conn., over Pat O'Brien, 142½, billed from County Cork, Ireland. In fours, Hiram Vale, 157½, Brooklyn, had the better of Joe Damiano, 159, Newark, N. J.; Joey Verace, 145½, Newburgh, decisioned Al Carrier, 145½, Rochester, in a battle of up-state New Yorkers, and Marcel Bizien, 136½, Jersey City, halted Frank West, 133½, Bronx, at 1:46 of 1.

▶ In practically a carbon copy of their previous meeting, a month and a half before, Jimmy Archer, 148, Bronx, edged his way to a split decision over Tony DeCola, 147, Brooklyn, in a busy ten at St. Nicholas Arena. As in their first get-together, Archer's persistent aggressiveness was the deciding issue. Jimmy set a fast pace from the start, and did his most effective work with left hooks to the body and straight rights to the head. He staggered DeCola in the second and eighth rounds. Joe Archer, 152½, younger brother of Jimmy, won a lop-sided decision from Paulie Griffin, 150, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Harold Smith, 131, Washington, D. C., decisioned Leroy Grant, 126, Elizabeth, N. J., in a dull six. In fours, Sid Rubenstein, 205, Far Rockaway, whipped Don Tatro, 177, Paterson, N. J., and Tommy Kelly, 120, West Side, won from Johnny Calloza, 125½, Puerto Rico.

WELTER CROWN GRAB BAG

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angle, Ray dropped back into the 147 pound class for the last time in a title defense against Charley Fusari for the Runyon Cancer Fund in 1950. The next year he caught up with La Motta, took his 160 pound crown in Chicago and became a dual champion.

For a time, the Sugar Baby, with typical contrariness, balked at surrendering the smaller title, as he luxuriated in the adulation accorded a double titleholder. In fact the limelight-loving Ray never did formally relinquish his welter crown.

The N.B.A. and the NY commission simply went ahead with plans to create a new titleholder. In a childish race with each other to crown its own champion, the NBA got there first by giving championship status to a bout between Charley Fusari and Johnny Bratton in Chicago on March 14, 1951. Bratton won and was duly acclaimed champion by the N.B.A. Back east, Kid Gavilan of Cuba was the peoples' choice and it was apparent that Bratton's crown was junkyard material until Gavilan was disposed of.

Gavilan, the New York commission selection, and Bratton met in the Garden on May 18, 1951 and the Cuban Keed won handily over the inconsistent Chicagoan in fifteen rounds. But Europe had a solid claimant in France's capable Charles Humez, who numbered among his supporters this magazine, but when he proved unable to make the weight, and Gavilan accounted for Billy Graham of New York, in a most controversial decision victory on August 29, 1951 in the Garden, the Cuban was firmly seated on the throne.

Whoever finally emerges from the present round robin as champion will find himself in most illustrious company. Some ring marvels have been welterweight champions dating back to such legendary figures as Tommy Ryan, Kid McCoy, the original Joe Walcott fabled giant killer of long ago, Britton and Lewis, and merging into the modern era of such heroes as Mickey Walker, Jimmy M'Larnin, one of the most idolized and magnetic boxers of all time, ring and war hero Barney Ross, Triple Champion Henry Armstrong, colorful Kid Gavilan, the incomparable Sugar Ray, and most recently the granite chinned and iron hearted Carmen Basilio.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS

By Jimmy Lambert

BOXING IS ON THE UPSWING IN ARUBA. **TWO BOXING** programs were presented in one month before gatherings of about 1,000 fans. Promoter Jose Wilson started operations at the Wilhelmina Stadium when he presented Sam Langford, 156, Aruba, against Evelio Rios, 157, Venezuela. Sam Langford got up off the floor in the 3rd round to come back and win a majority decision over the hard-hitting Rios making it two in a row over the Venezuelan.

In the semi-final 8-rounder, Battling Nelson, 155, Curacao, started off brilliantly in the early rounds but faded in the last half against Young Quick Silver, 157, Aruba, and the result was a draw decision.

In a 6-rounder, Colorado Kid, 152, Curacao, and Buddy Baer, 153, St. Martin, renewed their savage rivalry and battled to a draw.

In another 6-rounder, Kid Roughouse, 156, Aruba, fought a draw with Little Archie Moore, 150, Curacao.

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NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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GOLDSTEIN ADVISES PATTERSON TO DO MORE FIGHTING

Goldstein, New York's outstanding referee, recently hit the nail on the head when he told an audience, *"Floyd Patterson could become one of the top heavyweights of recent years if he were given the opportunity to fight more often against top-notch opponents."*

Goldstein, who tours the country on behalf of a liquor firm as a good-will ambassador, said that the 22 year old Patterson, the youngest to rule the heavyweight division, possesses all the attributes of a great fighter, speed, punch, courage and determination to win, moves about like a welterweight and can take and give a punch. Unfortunately, however, he has been stymied by refusal of his manager to permit him to fight against the top men of his division, the best opposition available, due to a personal grudge against the IBC and fighters who have performed for Jim Norris.

As The Ring Editor has so frequently pointed out, a fighter has to keep active to retain public interest in him and to reach his full capabilities, particularly in the case of a young man like Patterson. Patterson deserves better public support than he has been getting and it is up to Gus D'Amato, his manager, to obtain it for him by keeping the champ active.

His personal feud should be abandoned. He doesn't have to deal with Jim Norris' organization to obtain the services of one or more of the leading heavyweights to box Floyd. He did it before and can do it again. Emil Lence and Jack Hurley will be happy to stage a title bout with Machen, Folley, Pastrano or Harris. Floyd can clean up the entire class if given the opportunity. Why put on the dog in the manger act, Gus?

FIGHT PUBLIC HAS NO INTEREST IN FADED HEAVIES

That the public is not interested in the "comeback" of veteran boxers who have long ago passed their peak is evident from the low attendances at recent shows in which such have appeared.

The latest flop is Roland La Starza, the New York heavyweight whose disputed decision bout in favor of Rocky Marciano started the Brockton Blockbuster on the road to fistic prominence.

La Starza, who after a knockout in the eleventh round in his return engagement with Rocky, dropped decisions to Don Cockell of London, and Charley Norkus and was halted by Julio Mederos, became in-active during 1956. This year he faced only 337 paid spectators when he won a split decision over Al Anderson of Jamaica, N. Y., in the Valley Arena of Holyoke.

Quite a comedown, yet a deserving one. Those who pay the freight are entitled to see competition in which neither headliner is dug out of the mothballs.

Promoters who stage such bouts don't deserve to receive the support of the fans. There are better ways of spending an evening. It is time that boxing commissions put a halt to promotions that carry no appeal, and no reason for existence.

James S. De Laurier, Publisher of the Hammond Times of Hammond, Indiana, has become the owner of an historic relic—the belt that was awarded to John L. Sullivan on July 4, 1887, by the sportsmen of Boston, a huge nine panel belt that originally containing 397 diamonds. Mr. De Laurier purchased it from a storage firm where it had been placed in 1955.

The diamonds are gone, different poses of the Boston Strong Boy from the original occupy two of the panels and a decorative ribbon border encircles the entire where in the original the border consisted of silver. Otherwise the relic seems to be the same as the original. The few discrepancies have brought doubt to some of the old timers that the belt in Hammond is the legitimate one, but from all appearances it seems to be genuine.

The original was lost back in 1912 when Sullivan was touring the mid-west. The Hammond trophy was owned by Sport Herrmann, who died in 1939 and Melvin Herman (he dropped the double letters), became the possessor after his uncle's demise.

JIMMY LAKE TELLS HIS STORY IN FOOTLIGHTS AND FISTICUFFS

"Footlights, Fistfights and Femmes," just published by the Vantage Press, is the long awaited story of Jimmy Lake, 78 year old announcer of boxing and wrestling in Washington, D. C.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING
By Maxie Weisbarth

VANCOUVER, B. C.—CHAMPION ARCHIE MOORE, 192, STOPPED BOBBY MITCHELL, 194, of Spokane in the 5th round in a good bout. Moore using his terriffic left hook, had Mitchell floundering all over the ring after Mitchell had given a good account of himself for 4 rounds.

Frankie Daniels, 190, of Bakersfield, Cal. stopped Terry Jackson, 200 of Spokane in 2. Flatcher Lee, 160, San Diego, stopped Dave Gottschalk, 160, of Seattle in 2. Wally Dorwald, 170, Vancouver, B. C. stopped Herbert Escher, 172, Germany in 2 and Bill Milsten, 130, Kent, Washington outpointed Joey Lopez, 132 of Wapato, Washington in four. The Earl Kalani promotion drew $5266 gross.

Seattle, Civic Auditorium—Jack Hurley's promotion—Eddie Cotton, weighing in at 177, lost to the Gran Old-man of Boxing Archie Moore, 193, in ten rounds in a very good fight that had Cotton showing well. He gave a good account of himself despite his three trips to the canvas in the fourth round and twice in the fifth round. Cotton has been out of action for sometime. He showed signs of rustiness.

A crowd of 3,614 fight fans paid $11,443.00 to see the show—another excellent Hurley promotion.

Frankie Daniels, 190, Bakersfield, stopped Claude Renfro, 205, Seattle, in 2 rounds.

Ernie Gipson, 152, Seattle, was stopped in 2 by Fletcher Lee, 158, San Diego. Both are very good punchers and boxers.

Mel Kovick, 190, Seattle stopped Willie Dennis, 194, Spokane in 2.

Jimmy McCoy, 150, outpointed Burt Singer in 6, Carlton Lincoln, 165, outscored Gordon Gladson, 170. All these boys are from Seattle.

▶ Portland, Local TV—In Portland's weekly local TV show, Chuck Lincoln, 165, Portland, won via a TKO over Seattle's Jaycee Johnson, 156. He had Lincoln down twice in the 4th round. In the last round the Referee decided to stop the fight.

▶ Edwin Sykes, 119½, a young boxer, fought his way to a decision over Toto Ibarra, 118, in an Egbert Reid promotion. It was an excellent bout of 10 rounds. Sykes got the unanimous decision.

In a six rounder, Fenley Hooker, 136½, decisioned Carlos Watson, 141, in a pleasing battle. German Fenge, 125¾, beat Victor Smith, 127½, stopping him in 1:30 of the fourth round.

Victor Ardines, 128¾, halted Arturo Stewart, 127¼, in the third. The referee stopped the one-sided affair.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
By Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

ORVILLE PITTS, FORMER UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN and National Collegiate Athletic Association, light heavyweight champion, making his third professional fight in the eight round windup at the Milwaukee Auditorium knocked out Chuck Church, 186, in the first round.

It was the Midwest Boxing Club's first card in the big building this year and the second pro card staged in it this year. Prior to this card the Midwest Boxing Club staged three talent development shows at the South Side Armory.

George Jarosch, 174¼, Milwaukee, drew with Lou Bailey, 178, Peoria, Ill.

FOUR ROUNDS—Pero Bradley, 169, New Orleans, La., split decision over Eddie O'Hara, 172¼, Milwaukee, Lonnie Brown, 163½, Peoria, Ill., split decision over Paul Nicholas, 158¾, Milwaukee. Dick Bartman, 146½, Milwaukee, drew with George Green, 144¼, Detroit, Mich.

Arthur Turner, 151, Detroit, knocked out Merlin Fink, 147½, Milwaukee, in 2:32 of second round.

Chuck Whittley, 172½, Milwaukee, technical knockout over Frank Bocek, 169½, Owosso, Mich., in 2:23 of second round. Hal Scully, 148½ Chicago, split decision over Floyd Brooks, 154½, Detroit. The attendance was 962 and the receipts, $1,073 after taxes. Promoter, Midwest Boxing Club.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

HOLYOKE — VALLEY ARENA — BURKE EMERY, 169, SHERBROOKE, CANADA, punched out a unanimous decision over Lanky Dick Lowery, also 169, of New York, over the eight round route. Lowery was sharp with a long right hand that had a lot of power in it. Emery offset it with an infighting attack to gain the nod.

Larry Zernick, 191, Springfield's adopted son, punched Bob Harris, 181, Brooklyn, into helplessness in five rounds and was awarded a tko victory. Ernest Krenzeck, 135, Germany, outhustled Frankie Roche, 137, Plainville, Conn., in six rounds. Paul Lee, 138, Hartford, suffered the same fate with another hustler, Nick Grimaldi, 138, Stamford, Conn., in a four spot. Cliff Fidler, 148½, Saskatchwen, Canada, finished off Amos Vincent, 150, New York, in the second round of the opener.

▶BOSTON — Mechanic's Building — Billy Ryan, 170¼, Lowell, copped every round in punching out a decision win over veteran Phil Rizzo, 162¾, Brooklyn, in eight rounds. The explosive punching ex-marine who has won 14 of 15 starts, 10 by first round kayoes was unable to connect solidly on the crafty Rizzo. Only in the final round was Rizzo in trouble.

The undercard consisted of four eight round bouts. Jimmy Kelly, 132¾, Lowell, stopped Jimmy Ithia, 131¼, New York, in the seventh. Pat McCarthy, 130¼, Roxbury, whipped fellowtownsman, Richie Graham, who weighed 132½. Dick DeOrsey, 162, Providence, copped the duke over Harvey Lammers, 156, New Bedford. In the opener, Bobby Murphy, 144¾, Brighton, belted out Clarence Jones, 139, New York, in the second heat.

▶REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Ted Wright, 147, New York, made his New England debut a successful one by punching out a clear cut eight round decision over Rudolph Bent, 148, British Honduras.

Gunther Balzer, 179½, Germany, proved a little to ringwise for Young Beau Jack, 170, Boston, and took the decision in their eight round co-feature. Paul Leri, 141, Pawtucket, R. I., outpunched veteran Al Duarte, 141¾, South Dartmouth, in a pleasing six rounder. Milton Dias, 126, Boston, stopped Dom DeBarros, 126, also of Boston, in the second round of a four. Mickey Shannon, 150, Providence, scored a neat kayo over Joe Walker, 147, Roxbury, in the second of a four. Shannon previously boxed under his own name of Shinney.

▶HOLYOKE—Valley Arena—Roland LaStarza, 192, New York, was awarded a highly unpopular decision over Al Anderson, 178½, Jamaica, N. Y., in the ten rounder that marked the exit of Guy Masselli and Duke Stefano as the promotional team. LaStarza's reflexes were slow. He was easily hit and had difficulty getting his own punches across. The decision was roundly booed and attacked by the sports writers.

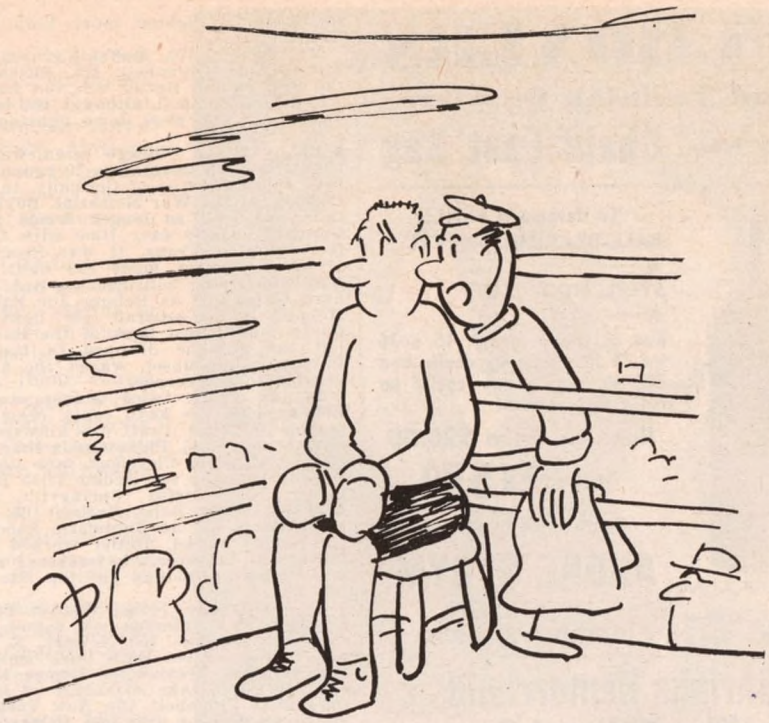
Kid Chick, 120, Southwick, punched Ramon Soto, 122, Puerto Rico, around quite freely in winning the six round semi-final. Nick Grimaldi, 142, Stamford, stopped Tony Grosse, 134, Hartford, in the fourth of another sixer. John Bergland, 176, New York, outpunched Carlos Ramirez, 172, Puerto Rico, in a four round slugfest. Al Smith, 163, New Rochelle, N. Y., stiffened Dick Tellone, 158, New York, in three rounds.

▶REVERE — Rollaway Arena — Eddie Andrews, 162, Lowell, waged a persistent body attack to punch out a unanimous decision over Harvey Lammers, 155½, New Bedford, in eight rounds. There were no knockdowns in the interesting battle.

Jimmy Kelly, 130¼, Lowell, continued his winning ways with an eight round decision over Myrel Olmstead, 135, Springfield, in the co-feature. Dom Prestone, 148, Everett, annihilated Clisby (Rocky) Ford, 143¾, Brooklyn, in the first of a sixer. Milton Dias, 130, Boston, belted out Eddie Ross, 134, Roxbury, in two heats. Johnny Cuccinello, 146, Lexington, attracted a lot of attention with his two round kayo over Mike DiNapoli, 140, Arlington.

▶REVERE — Rollaway Arena — Ray Lancaster, 147, Spartanburg, S. C., was impressive with a clean kayo over Dom Prestone. 146, Everett, in 20 seconds of the second round. A right to the jaw dropped Prestone in the first and another cut him over the eye. A solid right to the jaw at the start of the second dropped Prestone with a thud. The referee didn't bother counting. Prestone was out for four minutes.

Luis Carmona, 132¼, New York, made short work of Don Ross, 127, Roxbury, whom he stopped in the first round. Billy Wingate, 181, New York, blasted out a kayo over Leon Washington, 175, Boston, in the first round. Dick McCarthy, 151¾, Medford, stopped Mike Shannon, 174½, Providence, in two stanzas. Angelo Lupeglia, 138¾, Boston, needed less than a round to stop Howard Stewart, 140, South Boston.



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▶BOSTON — Mechanic's Building—Jimmy Connors, 127, New Bedford, was too aggressive and punched with too much authority for Henry (Pappy) Gault, 125, Spartanburg, S. C., and romped off with a unanimous eight round decision win. The stiff punching Connors received considerable attention by the pounding he handed his much more experienced foe.

Pat McCarthy, 130¾, Roxbury, whipped Johnny Johnikin, 133¾, Boston, over the eight round route. The veteran Johnikin formerly fought out of New York. Windmill Phipps, 160¾, Newark, N. J., scored an upset eight round decision over Bobby King, 166, Everett, Bobby Murphy, 144, Brighton, punched out a decision over Al Duarte, 141½, South Dartmouth, in another eight spot. Dick DeOrsey, 161½, Providence, decisioned Lee Williams, 161, Boston, in the eight round opener.

▶REVERE — Rollaway Arena—Ray Lancaster, 144, Spartanburg, S. C., used a nifty left jab and crisp right cross to pile up enough points to take a handy eight round decision over Bob Kennedy, 139, New York.

▶BOSTON — Garden — Virgil Akins, 144½, St. Louis, is world's welterweight champion but is recognized as such only by the Massachusetts and Illinois boxing commissions. But the title claim is not taken seriously and a tourney is now in progress. His claim to the title is by virtue of a kayo over former titleholder, Tony DeMarco, 146, Boston. The pair fought at a blistering pace and staged one of the best fights ever seen in Beantown. DeMarco was dropped twice in the tenth round, came back to put Akins on the canvas in the twelfth, but was felled again, himself, at the end of the thirteenth and twice more in the fourteenth, the second time for the full count.

Joe DeNucci, 160, Newton, a boy with a lot of promise, belted out Sandy Chani, 161½, Marlboro, in two heats. Willie (Pineapple) Stevenson, 146½, Roxbury, turned back one of Akins' stablemates, Al Jones, 147½, St. Louis, in a sixer. Archie Whitfield, 158, New York, upset Billy Priest, 157, Cambridge, in six. Rico Sacramone, 138, Everett, flattened Johnny Edgar, 134, Philadelphia, in the first round. Larry Zernick, 194½, Springfield, brought down Rob Robbins, 195, Westover AFB, in two rounds.

▶REVERE — Rollaway Arena — Pat McCarthy, 129½, Roxbury, stretched his unbeaten skein to 23 professional fights when he won a unanimous eight round decision over Bobby Soares, 125½, Providence. In doing so McCarthy atoned for the only blot on his record, a draw with Soares. It was a rough battle with both boys being wrestled to the canvas several times although there were no knockdowns.

Tony Veranis, 146, Dorchester, halted Al Duarte, 141, South Dartmouth, at the start of the sixth round. Young Beau Jack, 166, Boston, outpunched Roy Belsito, 168, Worcester, in six heats. Richie Graham, 131, Boston, KO'd Meeter Jones, 135, Boston, in the third of a four spot. Bob Barrett, 143, Boston, made short work of Gene Poulin, 148, Boston, whom he stiffened in the first.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD:—HARTFORD'S FAST RISING WELTERWEIGHT, Billy Lynch, finally got a chance to fight a "name fighter", when he opposed Charles "King" Cotton of Toledo at the spacious State Theatre. Billy left no doubt in observers' minds, that he is ready to meet any of the world's top-notch welterweights, by defeating Cotton with ridiculous ease. Lynch outmaneuvered, outfought and outboxed him. He also out-wrestled and outclinched his out-classed opponent.

Cotton's best round was the second, when he tagged Lynch with a hard right upper-cut to the body which staggered Lynch momentarily. Lynch was awarded seven rounds, one was called even and two rounds were scored for Cotton on Referee Red Moffet's score card. Lynch weighed 147 to Cotton's 150, for this ten-rounder which drew a disappointing crowd of 1,175 fans to make a gross of $3,295, leaving the local promoters deep in the red.

George "Kid" Ross, 144, Hartford, defeated Corrodo Mancarella, 143, Florida, Italy in the 8-round semi-final. James Monts, 167, Hartford, defeated Roy Belcito, 168, Worcester, in a six-rounder. Paul Lee, 138, Hartford, drew with Chico Modesto, 140, also of Hartford.

▶Bristol:—Before a small crowd, Charley Norkus, 197, Port Washington, New York, opposed Leo (Mule) Johnson, 187, in the 10-round feature. Johnson made it a good hard fight until he hurt his shoulder in the 5th round and was unable to answer the bell for the sixth round. Referee Jack Kane declared Norkus winner on a TKO in five rounds. The undercard was made up of semi-pro bouts.

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IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

IT TOOK MIKE DEJOHN ONLY ONE MINUTE AND 27 seconds to display his complete mastery over Alex Miteff, South American heavyweight, at the War Memorial. That is the time it took Big Mike to flatten the boy from the Argentine. A hard right to the jaw, followed by a whistling left-hook to the button, dropped Miteff in his tracks. Miteff entered the ring the beting favorite, but DeJohn, with 16 weeks training behind him, was not to be denied.

The win was the 34th victory for Mike against three losses and one draw. It was also the shortest main bout on record here. Miteff never landed a punch. The fight drew 2,531 fans who laid it on the line to the tune of $5,421.75, giving deJohn his biggest payday to date, $4,000 from television and $1,060 from the gate for a grand total of $5,060. DeJohn automatically installed himself a ranking heavyweight.

Johnny Harper, 234, Cleveland, hog fat, scored a TKO over Charlie Jones, 201, Newark, N. J., when Referee Palmer stopped the fight after 1 minute and 44 seconds of the fourth to save the helpless Jones further punishment.

Jimmy DiMura, 135, Syracuse, fought a fast six round draw with Lou Civiglia, 130, Niagara Falls. Jimmy was out in front in the closing rounds but could not connect with a finisher.

Ritchie Stewart, 145, Syracuse, appeared to win over Tommy Brown, 141½, Utica, in a lively four, but the officials gave it to Brown. A lot of booing, followed. Harry Bouges, 145, Syracuse, lost to the more experienced Dick Faroline, 158, Buffalo, in four. It was Bouges first pro fight.

Johnny Pratt, 182, Cleveland, knocked out Willie Bell, 192, Syracuse, in the first round of a scheduled four. Willie is terrific in the gym but has not yet absorbed the knowledge a fighter must keep his chin down.

Mal Butler, 170, Buffalo, scored a TKO over Jimmy O'Connell, 175, Pittsburgh, in the first round. Butler was too strong and sharp for O'Connell, although the latter was dead game and went down fighting.

▶Bobby Boyd, Chicago middleweight ace, banged out an unanimous 10 round decision over Franz Szuzina of Germany, in a rough struggle at the War Memorial. Boyd, a head taller, as well as longer armed than the German, had no easy time with the busy, free-swinging Franz. It was Szuzina's aggressiveness that made the fight.

At the closing bell, Szuzina had started a hard right, just as Referee Joe Palmer had stepped in to separate the fighters. The punch landed just back of the third man's left ear and he dropped to the canvas. Palmer, a bit upset, waved the apologetic Szuzina to his corner.

Johnny Pratt, twice winner over Willie Bell here by the kayo route, came a cropper on this card. Pratt was knocked out by Earl Attley, 177½, Philadelphia sharpshooter. Pratt, 183, from Cleveland, was decked for the full count in the second. Irish Billy Collins, 158, colorful Springville slugger, knocked down Bobo Butler, 165, Buffalo, three times for an automatic knockout, in the second round. Butler worked hard in the first to get over a haymaker, but Collins was in rare form and fighting like a wildcat.

Gene Tortorice, 150½, Niagara Falls, was awarded a unanimous six round decision over Joe Damiano, 150, Newark, N. J., after a bristling settoe. Both boys made a hit with the fans. Because Leo Owens, 158, Syracuse, failed to take advantage of his openings, Mike Campbell, 164, New York, won a six round decision over Leo. It was a bloody brawl with Owens looking like a sure-winner, going into the fifth. Damiano's roughhouse tactics in the last two frames earned him the nod.

Tommy Brown, 138, Utica, outpointed Tonko Trojonovic, 136, Buffalo, in a four rounder staged after the windup.

▶LEFT HOOKS—Irving Robbins is quietly training a half dozen newcomers at his Main Street gym.

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Fans here are beginning to realize Big Joe Palmer is a mighty capable third man in the ring. Young Danny Antonacci is the owner of Danny's Hideway, near Union Park, visited by fight fans.

Middle-weight champion, Carmen Basilio, accompanied by co-manager Joe Netro, made a flying trip to the coast to make a personal appearance at the grand opening of a bowling alley in Los Angeles, owned by a friend, Carmen, who is loved by everyone in this section, made us all proud of the way he handled himself on the Mike Wallace interview, on national T.V. No matter where he goes, Basilio impresses people. This lad is truly a credit to boxing. On November 6 he received the Ring Magazine's World Middleweight Championship belt at the Boxing Writers' luncheon in New York, from Nat Fleischer.

PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
By Mickey Davies and Lou Caponi

TRAILING ON ALL CARDS GOING INTO THE 10th AND FINAL frame in his bout with Garvan Sawyer at the Enright Theatre, bombing Bob Satterfield, always a dangerous foe, suddenly sprang to life, and dropped the young Cincy heavy for an eight count. Garvan then let Satterfield take away the play in the final round and the officials cast their ballot in favor of Ike Bernstein's bomber. Referee Ernie Sesto and judge George Martzo scored it 46-44 for Bob, while the other official, George Lupinacci voted for Sawyer, 45-44. Sawyer is one of the best prospects in the country.

Bobby Gordon, Huntington, W. Va., iced Bobby Hughes, Monroe, Mich. in three rounds of a slated eight. They are middles.

Fritzie McKinney, North Side, stopped Jesse Keeler, Greensburg in three, while in the opener, Dick White, 126, Youngstown, stopped Tony Christy, 128, North Side, in two heats.

▶QUICKIES—Jack Laken is now co-manager of Bobby Gordon, the West Virginia lad who is wowing Steel City fans with his pleasing style. . . . Likable Lou Caponi has three good boys—Hosea Chapman, lightheavy and heavy—Skippy Green, middle, and Enrico Beltrante, a club fighting lightie. . . . Pittsburgh banty, Billy Parker, appeared in the "prelim fight of the year" in Los Angeles recently. . . .West Virginia feather Noel Humphreys is set for work in Venezuela.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

TOMMY TIBBS, FORMERLY OF COLUMBUS, DEFEATED ORLANDO CHEVRAS in Venezuela in 10 hot rounds on October 1. L. C. Morgan of Youngstown, Ohio, lost an unpopular decision to Negro Orta whom he dropped four times yet dropped the verdict in a ten rounder on the same card.

▶Pat Lowry, Toledo welter, is now managed by W. C. Smith who also handles Duke Harris, Detroit heavyweight.

Johnny Palmer, Columbus lightweight, former Dispatch Golden Gloves champion, is managed by Al George and Bob Buse.

Al St. John, of Toledo, will start promoting at popular prices this month.

The Dayton Gymnasium, the oldest organization in Ohio, will sponsor boxing this month.

▶Bert Whitshurst of Baltimore copped the nod over Bob Satterfield of Chicago in the main go of ten rounds of a show promoted by Local 863 and Lou Marus. The best bout of the evening found Jimmy Martinez of Phoenix the winner over Johnny Neal of Milwaukee in ten.

In other bouts, Curtiss Woodward, Toledo, and Harold Scully, a pair of free slugging welterweights, went to a draw in 4 heats—Jackie Richards, hard punching light heavyweight, was given the duke over Lou Bailey of Peoria in 6 fast rounds, and Jim Beard, 188, Chicago, copped the duke over Joe Davis Topeka, Kansas, 192, in a good four rounder. The gross gate was $5,177.

▶Johnny Palmer, Columbus lightweight and a former Columbus Dispatch Golden Glove Champion gave the TV fans a real treat on the four round special bout put on after the one round knockout by Spider Webb over Jackie LaBua in Louisville. Palmer looked very good while winning the duke.

▶Send notes in before the first of the month to P. O. Box 611, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.

KENTUCKY BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

A CHILLING RAIN FELL OUTSIDE OF FREEDOM HALL and a chilling blow fell inside. The rain cut down the attendance and the punch thrown by Spider Webb cut down Jackie LaBua in 59 seconds of the first round. Sixth-ranked middleweight contender Webb accomplished his 13th knockout in 24 victories against two defeats with a combination of punches, a slashing left hook to the body that crumpled LaBua, a left jab and then a crashing right hand to the chin that didn't travel over 12 inches. Webb weighed in at 160 and LaBua 157.

Rudell Stitch, 149, Louisville, TKO'd Kid Chocolate, 147, Chicago, in 1:59 of four. Billy Williams, 137, Louisville, got off the floor to TKO Sam Allen, 134, Chicago, in 2:59 of one. James Roberts, 166, Louisville, unanimously decisioned Bruce Strayhorn, 165, Cincinnati, in four and Johnny Palmer, 140, Columbus, Ohio unanimously decisioned Norman Fletcher, 137, Louisville, in four.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

GARVIN SAWYER, CINCINNATI HEAVY, WEIGHT, REMAINS THE ONLY local fighter of note. Sawyer lost a decision to veteran Bob Satterfield at Arnold, Pa., and our reports from the scene of the battle had it close, with Satterfield scoring a last-round knockdown to win.

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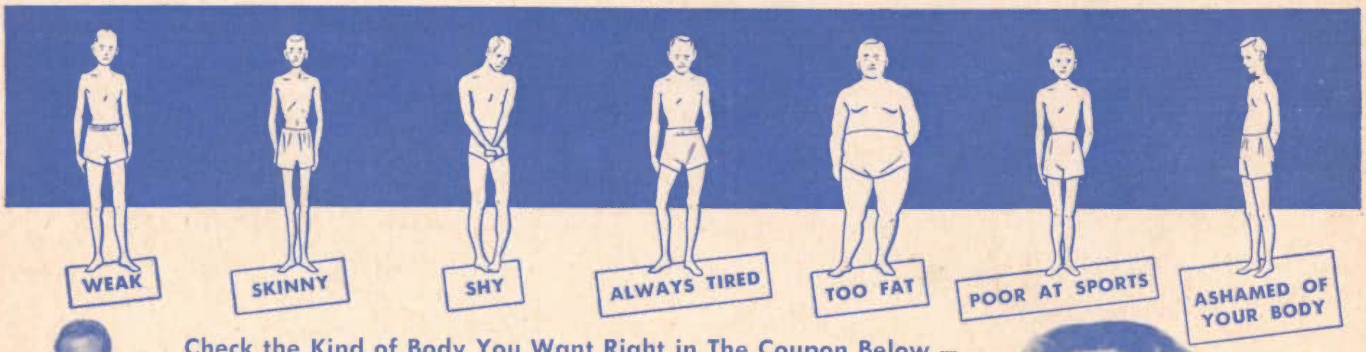

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